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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

JANUARY MEETING: JANUARY 24, 1978

PROGRAM: "How Well Do They See?" with Robert Glover, B.S. and M.A. in Applied Mathematics; Civil Engineer and Professional Engineer in State of Colorado.

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! ! ! ! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact Ray Olson, Field Trip Chairman (424-6823). Our twice weekly Field Trips throughout the year make our Organization unique.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored Field Trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested costs are 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

DECEMBER 1977 MISCELLANEOUS REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

There were no scheduled Field Trips during December due to the number of state-wide Christmas Counts. However, there were several interesting observations made during the month which are listed as follows:

Common Loon 12-4 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
Arctic Loon 12-3 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
Horned Grebe 12-3 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Western Grebe 12-3 (9) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Double-crested Cormorant 12-2 (1 immature) flying southwest over Lincoln and Colfax, Denver (RS); 12-3 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 12-24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (JR)
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 12-3 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 12-3 (5 adults, 1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 12-10 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR);
 Snow GooseXCanada Goose hybrid 12-21 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 12-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Ross' Goose 12-15 and 12-18 (3) Belleview and Kipling, Jefferson County (JH, LM, PE)
 BLACK SCOTER 12-3 (2 females or immatures) 74th Avenue and Interstate 76, gravel pits north of intersection (JR)
 Northern Goshawk 12-17 (1 immature) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
 Bald Eagle 12-3 (1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 12-21 (1 adult, 5 immatures) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 12-25 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 12-31 (4 immatures) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
 Merlin 12-3 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 12-31 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Virginia Rail 12-3 (5) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
 Glaucous Gull 12-17, 12-24, 12-25 (1 first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Thayer's Gull 12-17 and 12-24 (2 sub-adults, probably 3rd year birds) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Clark's Nutcracker 12-1 (22) Genessee Mountain Park. "A few Nutcrackers commonly descend to the transition zone in fall and winter, but numbers like these are unusual" (JJC)
 Winter Wren 12-3 (1) Waterton (JR)
 Brown Thrasher 12-26 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir-nature trail (JR)
 Water Pipit 12-24 (1) along ditch on Bromley Lane south of Mile High Duck Club (JR)
 Cedar Waxwing 12-31 (8) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JR)
 Brewer's Blackbird 12-3 (12) and 12-24 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir-nature trail going to roost (JR)
 Common Redpoll 12-10 (5) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
 Red Crossbill 12-1 (12) Genessee Mountain Park (JJC)
 Marsh Wren 12-27 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), John and Joyce Cooper (JJC), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Richard Franz (RF), J. Hamerneck (JH), Hugh Kingery (HK), Larry Malone (LM), Jack Reddall (JR), Robert Spencer (RS).

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A SUMMARY OF THE CHRISTMAS PRE-COUNT

(Prepared and Edited by Andy Wilbur)

Includes Count Areas: #2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 18, 20, 21 and Red Rocks, North Turkey Creek, Bow-Mar, Indian Hills and Doublehead Mountain.

Common Loon - 2
 Eared Grebe - 1
 Western Grebe - 4
 Pied-billed Grebe - 9
 Double-crested Cormorant - 1
 Great Blue Heron - 23
 Mute Swan - 1 (feral-?, Ed.)
 Whistling Swan - 1
 Ross' Goose - 3
 Canada Goose - 3377
 White-fronted Goose - 1
 Snow Goose - 2
 Mallard - 623
 Gadwall - 9
 Pintail - 75
 Green-winged Teal - 316
 American Widgeon - 273
 Wood Duck - 2
 Redhead - 12
 Ring-necked Duck - 23
 Lesser Scaup - 6
 Common Goldeneye - 51
 Bufflehead - 9
 Ruddy Duck - 3
 Hooded Merganser - 5
 Common Merganser - 207
 Red-breasted Merganser - 1

Goshawk - 1
 Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
 Cooper's Hawk - 1
 Red-tailed Hawk - 3
 Rough-legged Hawk - 16
 Ferruginous Hawk - 3
 Golden Eagle - 1
 Marsh Hawk - 3
 Prairie Falcon - 1
 Sparrow Hawk - 16
 Blue Grouse - 10
 Ring-necked Pheasant - 8
 Virginia Rail - 1
 American Coot - 636
 Killdeer - 11
 Common Snipe - 1
 Herring Gull - 71
 Ring-billed Gull - 2083
 Rock Dove - 462
 Great Horned Owl - 4
 Long-eared Owl - 1
 Belted Kingfisher - 13
 Common Flicker "Red race" - 61
 Hairy Woodpecker - 6
 Downy Woodpecker - 9
 Horned Lark - 41
 Blue Jay - 11

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Steller's Jay - 162
Scrub Jay - 19
Black-billed Magpie
Common Raven - 8
White-necked Raven - 1
Common Crow - 50
Black-capped Chickadee - 54
Mountain Chickadee - 72
Common Bushtit - 17
White-breasted Nuthatch - 10
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 3
Pygmy Nuthatch - 34
Brown Creeper - 4
Dipper - 5
Winter Wren - 1
Canyon Wren - 6
Mockingbird - 1
Robin - 37
Townsend's Solitaire - 100
Water Pipit - 16
Northern Shrike - 2

Starling - 2802
House Sparrow - 268
Western Meadowlark - 37
Red-winged Blackbird - 128
Brewer's Blackbird - 30
Evening Grosbeak - 9
Cassin's Finch - 3
House Finch - 108
Pine Siskin - 2
American Goldfinch - 1
Rufous-sided Towhee - 19
White-winged Junco - 1
Slate-colored Junco - 56
Oregon Junco - 84
Gray-headed Junco - 63
Tree Sparrow - 77
Harris' Sparrow - 1
White-crowned Sparrow - 2
White-throated Sparrow - 1
Song Sparrow - 13

Total Species - 95 Total Individuals - 12,283 Total Hours in Field - 79.5

1977 DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Editor regrets to report that the final tabulation of the Denver Christmas Count for 1977 has not been received from the Compilers. Therefore, time and space permitting, results will be included in the next issue of the Lark Bunting.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1978

- FEBRUARY 4, Saturday. Urban meandering: parks, rivers, cemeteries. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest of May D&F) at 8:30 A.M. * - .
- 5, Sunday. Evergreen to Squaw Pass. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at Bergen Park at 8:00 A.M. *
- 11, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest of May D&F) at 8:30 A.M. *
- 12, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day
- 18, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman (781-6855). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. *
- 19, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Andy Wilbur (322-8419). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
- 25, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
- 26, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Meet at Cross-roads Shopping Center (Boulder) near King Soopers at 8:00 A.M. *

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RAY OLSON (424-6823)
Field Trip Chairman

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Send the summary of your Field Trips, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-list or a list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308
2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the Summary of Field Trips and additional observations.
3. Please notify the Editor if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.

NOTICE! The Editor is leaving for three weeks vacation on February 10. So it will be greatly appreciated if all Field Trip Reports are submitted immediately after the trip. This will assist the Editor in getting the next issue of the Lark Bunting to the publisher before he leaves. Individual reports should be sent in as soon as possible also.



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FEBRUARY MEETING: FEBRUARY 28, 1978

PROGRAM: "Natural History of the Mexican Duck" with Sandy Williams who has spent five years in Jalisco, Mexico investigating ecology and status of the Mexican Duck and who is currently a PH-D candidate at Colorado State University in the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology.

JANUARY 1978 FIELD TRIPS:

- JANUARY 7, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir (CHAT). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Fred Hager, Charlotte Hawes, Hazel Kellogg, Brian Mann, Thompson Marsh, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Steve Zachary. (Sunny to partly cloudy in afternoon; 24°-45°). 16 miles, 6 hours. (24 species)
- 8, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 14, Saturday. Sloan's Lake and Jefferson County Greenbelt (BELT). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Chuck and Emily Durham, Brian Mann, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Diana Mullineaux, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Don and Eva Turnquist, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; 19°-35°). 24 miles, 6 hours. (29 species)
- 15, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Dick Franz, Doug Ward. (Heavy overcast, fog, light snow; 25°-30°). 4 hours. (25 species)
- 21, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Maplewood Reservoir, Lower Bear Creek to Morrison (LBCK). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; little wind; 25°-45°). 53 miles, 7 hours. (37 species)
- 22, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Bert and Sue Goldberg, Julia Goldberg, David Goldberg. (Clear; 20°-40°). 6½ hours. (22 species)
- 28, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon State Park, Castle Rock (CCCW). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Hazel Nelson, Dick Franz, Michael and Lu Sanders. (Hazy, clearing; Wind, calm; 25°-45°). 74 miles, 7 hours. (35 species)
- 29, Sunday. Boulder/Longmont area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observer: Bill Knauer. (Fog, haze; 20°-40°). 9 hours. (50 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

JANUARY 1978	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29
AREA	CHAT	RRPK	BELT	CCKR	LBCK	BARR	CCCW	BLDR
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLN FT	PLNS	PLN FT	PLFT
Pied-billed Grebe					2			
Great Blue Heron	3			1				1
Canada Goose	1000		250	170	360	500	390	2000
Mallard	14		222	300	72	1000	30	400
Gadwall					3			
Common Pintail	17				10	250		
Green-winged Teal			2		8	40		
American Wigeon						4		1
Northern Shoveler			700		700	5		
Redhead					5			15

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HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FT	PLNS	PLN	FT	PLFT
Ring-necked Duck					12					10
Canvasback							1			
Lesser Scaup										3
Common Goldeneye			8	7	6					12
Bufflehead										5
Common Merganser			24	120	22		50	120		6
Sharp-shinned Hawk			3							
Cooper's Hawk				1 im	1			1		
Red-tailed Hawk					1					2
"Western" race	2									
"Harlan's" race	1			1				1		
SWAINSON'S HAWK (Incredible! No details-ED.)							3			
Rough-legged Hawk	1						1			3
Ferruginous Hawk										1
Golden Eagle					1					
Bald Eagle						2 ad				
Northern Harrier	2			3 fe		4				1
OSPREY (Also incredible! No details-ED.)						1				
Prairie Falcon	1			1						
American Kestrel	1			1	2		1	1		6
Ring-necked Pheasant				8			1	1		
American Coot			11		10					60
Killdeer	4		1	1				2		
Common Snipe					1					4
Herring Gull			7		6					
Ring-billed Gull			150	19	54			30		4
Gull sp.										50
Rock Dove			100	4	30			3	3	200
Mourning Dove			16							
Great Horned Owl	1			1			1	2		
Long-eared Owl										6
Belted Kingfisher	1		4							1
Common Flicker	1									
"Red-shafted" race			10	2	4			1	1	10
Lewis' Woodpecker								1		5
Hairy Woodpecker										2
Downy Woodpecker	1		1	2		2				6
Horned Lark	50			100			2	20		200
Steller's Jay									2	50
Scrub Jay						8		5		
Black-billed Magpie	14		47	34	36	2	25	7		30
Northern Raven										3
American Crow									2	4
Clark's Nutcracker										2
Black-capped Chickadee	6		2	11		8		6		12
Mountain Chickadee									2	30
White-breasted Nuthatch									2	5
Pygmy Nuthatch									7	15
Brown Creeper										2
North American Dipper			3			1				
Marsh Wren								1		
Canyon Wren									1	2
American Robin			1		1	2				3
Townsend's Solitaire			2			2			5	10
Golden-crowned Kinglet									3	
Water Pipit							3			
Northern Shrike				1				1		
European Starling	7		201	25	114		250	4		100
House Sparrow			2		34	30	12			50
Western Meadowlark	8			3	3		6	2		25
Red-winged Blackbird					45					25
House Finch	10		81		15	7		12		20
Pine Siskin										10
American Goldfinch				4				2	22	
Red Crossbill										20
Rufous-sided Towhee									1	6
Northern Junco	2									
"White-winged" race										30
"Slate-colored" race	1		2			6				8
"Oregon" race	5		6			7		2		8
Gray-headed Junco			1			7		12		20

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AREA	CHAT	RRPK	BELT	CCKR	LBCK	BARR	CCCW	BLDR
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLN FT	PLNS	PLN FT	PLFT
Junco sp.			20					
American Tree Sparrow	20			85			12	
White-crowned Sparrow	3		1					
Song Sparrow	4		7	17	2		8	5
TOTAL SPECIES-77	24		29	25	37	22	35	50

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1978 REPORTS:

- Horned Grebe 1-8 (1) Lake Estes, Estes Park (JR); 1-28 (1) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR).
- Western Grebe 1-28 (4) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)
- Pied-billed Grebe 1-3 (1), 1-19 (3), 1-27 (3) Maple Grove Reservoir (JJC); 1-28 (4) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR).
- Double-crested Cormorant 1-20 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ reported by HK); 1-21 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ); 1-28 (1) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)
- Whistling Swan 1-5 (1 immature) Deweese Reservoir, Custer County (JJC)
- TRUMPETER SWAN 1-5 (7 adults) Deweese Reservoir, Custer County (JJC)
- NOTE: The seven Trumpeter Swans and single Whistling Swan were first observed by Van A. Truan of Pueblo and subsequently seen by many other observers.
- Snow Goose ("White" form) 1-14 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-21 (4) South Platte River, Littleton (JJC); 1-30 (1 adult) Lowry Air Base, Aurora (JR)
- Ring-necked Duck Up to 150 all month, gravel pits near 74th Ave. & I-76, Adams Co. (JR)
- Canvasback Up to 17 all month, gravel pits near 74th Ave. & I-76, Adams County (JR)
- Bufflehead 1-15 (1 female) South Platte River, Englewood (JR)
- Hooded Merganser 1-15 (1 male, 2 females) South Platte River, Englewood (JR); 1-22 (3 males, 7 females) South Platte River, Englewood (JR); 1-29 (1 male) spillway north of Chatfield Dam (FJJ)
- Red-breasted Merganser 1-28 (1 male) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk 1-2 (1 immature) 7th Ave., Denver (JW); 1-2 (1 adult) Red Rocks Park (JR); 1-8 (1 adult) backyard, 4450 So. Alton St., Englewood (JR); 1-10 & 1-18 (1 immature) 1041 Field St., Lakewood, "probably same bird seen at this locality 12 times between 11-16-77 and 12-17-77" (JJC); 1-14 (1 adult) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JR); 1-29 & 1-30 (1) Denver, "over our house" (HK)
- Cooper's Hawk 1-7 (1 adult) along Colo. Hwy. 96 at the Pueblo/Custer County line (JR)
- Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's" race) 1-8 (1) Waterton (PE); 1-21 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 1-22 (1) Waterton (JR); 1-28 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (JR)
- Ferruginous Hawk 1-14 (3 adults including 1 melanistic phase) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-21 (1 adult) Rd. 3 at Colo. Hwy. 52, Morgan County (HH, JR)
- Bald Eagle 1-8 (3 immatures, 1 adult) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (JW); 1-8 (1 adult) South Platte River, Morgan Co. (JW); 1-14 (1 adult) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 1-14 (4 adults, 22 immatures) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR); 1-14 (1 adult) Empire Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR); 1-21 (2 adults, 2 immatures) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (HH, JR); 1-21 (5 immatures) South Platte River, Orchard (HH, JR); 1-28 (1 adult) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ, HK, UK)
- Merlin 1-7 & 1-8 (1 female) "backyard" (RO)
- Common Bobwhite 1-21 (9) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (HH, JR)
- Glaucous Gull One immature all month, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-14 (1 immature) along South Platte River, Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 1-28 (1st winter immature) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ); 1-28 (1 first year bird and 2 second year birds) Sloan's Lake (JJC)
- Common Screech Owl 1-14 (1 heard-"eastern" race) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)
- Short-eared Owl 1-19 (1) & 1-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 1-29 (1) along South Platte River about half-way between Waterton and new bridge at Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
- Horned Lark 1-8 (1 albino) near Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co., "entirely white with exception of light brown streak through eye and down neck" (JW)
- Mountain Chickadee 1-25 through 1-27 (1) Denver "our yard" (HK)
- Red-breasted Nuthatch 1-2 (1) Georgetown (JR)
- Winter Wren 1-8 (1) Waterton (PE)
- American Robin 1-7 (800+) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (JR)
- Western Bluebird 1-9 (40) along Colo. Hwy. 96 one mile south of Texas Creek, Custer County (RO)
- Mountain Bluebird 1-7 (740) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (JR)
- Water Pipit 1-21 (4) along Bijou Creek at Colo. Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (HH, JR)
- Cedar Waxwing 1-1 (11), 1-2 (4), 1-11 (19) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC); 1-14 (5) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)
- Yellow-headed Blackbird 1-28 & 1-29 (1 female) at feeder, BowMar South (RF)
- Rusty Blackbird 1-28 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir-nature trail (JR); 1-29 (12) at feedlot at 112th and Chambers Road (RO)
- Brewer's Blackbird 1-14 (8) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 1-21 (13) Weldona (HH, JR)
- Cassin's Finch 1-28 (2 males) Chautauqua Park, Boulder (JR)
- Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 1-2 (10) six miles south of Idaho Springs, Clear Creek Co. (JR);

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1-2 (8) Red Rocks Park (JR); 1-8 (10) Estes Park (JR); 1-18 (150+) & 1-19 (110+) Green Mountain (ME)
Black Rosy Finch 1-18 (35+) & 1-19 (20) Green Mountain (ME)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 1-18 (3) & 1-19 (1) Green Mountain (ME)
Common Redpoll 1-13 (8) Waterton (JW); 1-22 (30) Rd. 77 one mile north of Rd. 106, Weld Co. (JR)
Red Crossbill 1-2 (3 males, 1 female) Genessee Mountain (JR); 1-8 (10) Estes Park (JR)
Brown Towhee 1-7 (4) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (JR)
Harris' Sparrow 1-14 (2) & 1-21 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)
Swamp Sparrow 1-28 (6) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
Lapland Longspur Up to two all month, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Snow Bunting 1-8 (1) shore of Lake Estes, Estes Park (BNG); 1-22 (30) Pawnee National Grassland (JJC); 1-22 (2) Rd. 77 one mile north of Rd. 106, Weld Co. (JR)
NOTE: Vast numbers of Snow Buntings found by Steve Larson on the Pawnee National Grasslands on 1-21 particularly in the Grover area (Weld Co.)

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1977 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

On Saturday, December 17, 1977, one hundred and thirty-four observers (100 in 37 parties, 34 at feeders) spent 284.55 party hours (200.5 on foot, 84.05 by car) plus 80 at feeders conducting the 1977 Denver Christmas Bird Count. They traveled 860.75 total party miles (176.25 on foot, 684.5 by car). The count began at 6:00 A.M., ending at 5:00 P.M. The weather was extraordinary; clear, A.M.; mostly clear, P.M.; with temperatures ranging from 18°-58°F; the wind was variable, SW-NW at 0-45 MPH; snow cover was 0-8 inches; fresh water was partly open; and the wild food crop ranged from poor to excellent with an average of good. Habitat covered as follows: cottonwood streamsides 95.365 party hours; transition-scrub/juniper 45.335 party hours; ponderosa pine/Douglas fir forest 43.9975 party hours; lakes and marshes 42.3375 party hours; residential 32.175 party hours and prairie 23.8 party hours. A total of 113 species (RECORD HIGH), 5 additional races (RECORD HIGH) and one form were reported. Approximately 29,543 individual birds (RECORD HIGH) were observed. Three new species and one race were reported: Ross' Goose 3, Common (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 1, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1 and Snow Bunting 2. Other unusual sightings (species observed 2-3 times) 1 Common Loon (3), 1 Red-throated Loon (3), 2 Eared Grebe (2), 2 Western Grebe (3), 2 Blue-winged Teal (2), 1 Thayer's Gull (2), 6 California Gull (3), 1 Gray Jay (2), 1 Loggerhead Shrike (3), 1 Yellow-headed Blackbird (3). The ten most numerous species: Canada Goose 6111, Starling 5050, Ring-billed Gull 3563, Rock Dove 1422, Tree Sparrow 1330, Black-billed Magpie 1278, Mallard 1207, House Finch 941, Red-winged Blackbird 792, House Sparrow 750. Species having record high individual counts: Red-throated Loon 1, Eared Grebe 2, Western Grebe 2, Great Blue Heron 61, Snow Goose 6, Ross' Goose 3, Blue-winged Teal 2, Greater Scaup 6, Hooded Merganser 12, Thayer's Gull 1, California Gull 6, Ring-billed Gull 3563, Rock Dove 1422, Screech Owl 5, Yellow-shafted Flicker 1, Gray Jay 1, Scrub Jay 132, Black-capped Chickadee 524, Townsend's Solitaire 302, Loggerhead Shrike 1, Starling 5050, Yellow-headed Blackbird 1, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1, White-throated Sparrow 14, Swamp Sparrow 5, Song Sparrow 324, Snow Bunting 2.

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (LEADERS UNDERSCORED):

- AREA 1-Red Rocks: John Baird, Charlotte Hawes, Don Thatcher, Jerry Wilson.
- AREA 2-Lower Bear Creek: Henry and Vi Bossman, Phyllis Casswell, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer.
- AREA 3-BowMar: Tim Davis, Peter Gent, Mark Holmgren, Joe Roller, Bruce Webb.
- AREA 4A-McClellan Reservoir: Bob Andrews, Bill Lybarger.
- AREA 4B-Lower South Platte: Dinorah and Joseph Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Floyd Pendell, Jo Trainor, Ruth Wheeler.
- AREA 5-Highline Ditch: Tom Hollenbeck, Doug Ward, Andy Wilbur.
- AREA 6-Plum Creek: Dick and Laurie Franz, Frank and Janet Justice, Ray Olson.
- AREA 7A-Middle South Platte East: Don Davis, Walter Graul, Hugh Kingery, Robert Rozinski.
- AREA 7B-Middle South Platte West: Bill and Sharon Hines, Becky, David, Jeff and Karen Hutchinson.
- AREA 8-Chatfield Reservoir: Lesley and Paul Julian.
- AREA 9-Upper South Platte: Jerome and Blake Besser, Peggy Burns, Michael Fall, Erik Fritzell, Ell Piretmulter, Leslie Robinette, Cal Royall.
- AREA 10-Lower Deer Creek: John Hannum, Colin Murcra, Lynn Willcockson.
- AREA 11-Upper Deer Creek: Karen Felmlee, Carole Forsyth, Marcus Goodbody, Sue Merrick, Laura Quinn.
- AREA 12-Yegge Peak: Gene and Paul Hendrichs, Nancy Hurley, Marie Kolena, Dave McCargo.
- AREA 13-Doublehead Mountain: Jay Hamernick, William Knauer, Carol Lively, Larry Malone.
- AREA 14-North Turkey Creek: Warren Finch, Jerry Hanson, Rob Haynes, Rick Phillips, Bill Prather, Laura Robinson, Allen Stokes.
- AREA 15-Indian Hills: Mel Gabel, Dieter Kamm.
- AREA 16-Upper Bear Creek: Sylvia and Winston Brockner.
- AREA 17-Ken Caryl Ranch: Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Viola Hubka.
- AREA 18-Ken Caryl Ranch West: Mark Ludlow, Mike and Pete Moulton, Judd and Linda Sundine.
- AREA 19-Morrison: Carol and Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins (no leader identified-ED).
- AREA 20-Willow Creek: Mary Jane Black, Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliott, Kritin Loudon, Diana and Don Mullineaux, Eleanor Walker.
- AREA 21-Mt Lindo: Bob and Cynthia Buttery.

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AREA NUMBER	1	2	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10
LOCATION	RRP	LBC	BOW	MCR	LSP	HD	PC	MSPE	MSPW	CHAT	USP	LDC
Common Raven			3									4
Common Crow						5	4	3	2		5	7
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2	7	10		7	50	37	116	2	105	
Mountain Chickadee			2				4		3			
Bushtit											22	
White-breasted Nuthatch							1		1			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	2									
Brown Creeper								2	1			2
Dipper		1	1		1				7		3	
Long-billed Marsh Wren				1				1		1		
Canyon Wren	4										3	1
Rock Wren									1			
Mockingbird						1						
American Robin	20	1	1		1	3					4	21
Townsend's Solitaire	12	2			1						35	31
Water Pipit			1						3			
Northern Shrike		1			1	1			1			1
Loggerhead Shrike							1					
Starling		773	3200	194	222	86	20	21	65	10	8	2
House Sparrow		76	140	10	87	43			4			
Western Meadowlark			4	17	1	13	25	10	24		2	5
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1										
Red-winged Blackbird		238	80	57	9	60	20	186				
Brewer's Blackbird				20	10							
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1								
Cassin's Finch											62	
House Finch	3	84	60	77	66	2	35	29	7	40	35	8
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch						25						
Black Rosy Finch						13						
Pine Siskin								2	23			1
American Goldfinch			2	2			6	21	74		22	19
Rufous-sided Towhee								5			28	1
Dark-eyed Junco sp.	12							9	20			
White-winged race	3					1			17		1	1
Slate-colored race	6	9	16	6	1	22	5	2	66	1	18	9
Oregon race	14	80	3	22	6	2	75		57	8	120	21
Pink-sided race								81	21			
Gray-headed Junco	33	8									9	11
Tree Sparrow	1	21	12	47	1	72	165	223	685	36	8	18
Harris' Sparrow				2				2	1			
White-crowned Sparrow			4	6				3	6		4	
White-throated Sparrow		3					10		1			
Fox Sparrow									2			
Lincoln's Sparrow									2			
Swamp Sparrow				1				3	1			
Song Sparrow		11	11	32		12	30	46	149	20	3	2
Longspur sp.				1								
Snow Bunting										2		
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	172	3218	10944	831	1529	626	530	831	2285	1665	758	243
TOTAL SPECIES	12	40	53	46	35	34	24	36	48	37	30	31
RACES	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	3	2
FORMS								1	1			

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AREA NUMBER	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	GRAND	
LOCATION	UDC	YP	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KC	KCW	MOR	WC	ML	FEED	TOTAL
Green-winged Teal													131
Blue-winged Teal													2
American Wigeon										1			363
Shoveler													70
Wood Duck													12
Redhead													2
Ring-necked Duck													53
Greater Scaup													6
Lesser Scaup													10
Common Goldeneye										13			192
Bufflehead													2
Ruddy Duck													3
Hooded Merganser													12
Common Merganser													108
Accipiter sp.												1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk													3
Cooper's Hawk													2
Buteo sp.													2
Red-tailed Hawk							1			3			17
Harlan's race													2
Rough-legged Hawk													10
Ferruginous Hawk													2
Golden Eagle		1		1			1			3			8
Marsh Hawk													12
Prairie Falcon													2
Merlin													1
American Kestrel							1			5			16
Blue Grouse				5	2								7
Ring-necked Pheasant										1		2	18
Virginia Rail													8
American Coot													156
Killdeer										1			26
Common Snipe									1	1			18
Gull sp.												72	73
Herring Gull										10			57
Thayer's Gull													1
California Gull													6
Ring-billed Gull										235			3563
Rock Dove				7	10	2	77		50	35	3	9	1422
Mourning Dove													4
Screech Owl													5
Great Horned Owl										1			13
Pygmy Owl													1
Long-eared Owl													2
Belted Kingfisher									1				31
Common Flicker													84
Yellow-shafted race													1
Red-shafted race					2	4			7	9	1	24	220
Hairy Woodpecker				2	2							18	23
Downy Woodpecker	2	1				3			4	2		14	45
Horned Lark													56
Gray Jay				1									1
Blue Jay												18	21
Steller's Jay		14	66	20	23	12		22	13		115		442
Scrub Jay	45				2	5	2		20	7	1	5	132
Black-billed Magpie	1	4	6	17	4		12		19	123	6	69	1278
Common Raven		3	4	1				3					18
Common Crow		68	4	2	2		44					13	159
Clark's Nutcracker											1		1
Black-capped Chickadee	10		7	5		7	9	28	15	17		88	524
Mountain Chickadee	40	90	46	65	25	7		17	1		10	108	418
Bushtit													22
White-breasted Nuthatch		4		4	7			8			1	24	50
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1											4	8
Pygmy Nuthatch		12	18	24	33							35	122
Brown Creeper	3	1	1	4		1		1			2		18
Dipper						1							21
Winter Wren						1			3	4			1
Long-billed Marsh Wren													3
Canyon Wren					1			1			1		11
Rock Wren													1
Mockingbird													1

AREA NUMBER	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	GRAND	
LOCATION	UDC	YP	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KC	KCW	MOR	WC	ML	FEED	TOTAL
American Robin	3	4	2	1		5	20	3	11	7	1	9	117
Townsend's Solitaire	6	6	6	13	34	23	39	16	8	7	61	2	302
Water Pipit													4
Northern Shrike				1			1		1				8
Loggerhead Shrike													1
Starling			5		7				6	162		269	5050
House Sparrow									60	135		237	792
Western Meadowlark										13			114
Yellow-headed Blackbird													1
Red-winged Blackbird							1			5		94	750
Brewer's Blackbird													30
Rose-breasted Grosbeak													1
Evening Grosbeak		3	2	5								90	100
Cassin's Finch												19	81
House Finch					10	20			21	60		384	941
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch										100			125
Black Rosy Finch													13
Pine Siskin								2				15	43
American Goldfinch									12				158
Rufous-sided Towhee								1	3				38
Junco sp.									19			24	43
Dark-eyed Junco sp.												18	59
White-winged race			1	1	6	3				13		1	48
Slate-colored race	14		12	9	4	2	8	2	22	17		43	294
Oregon race			2	9	5	27	4		25	9	4	51	504
Pink-sided race													102
Gray-headed Junco	10	65	31	14	6	42		9	26	40	8	96	408
Tree Sparrow						1			1			29	1330
Harris' Sparrow													5
White-crowned Sparrow													23
White-throated Sparrow													14
Fox Sparrow													2
Lincoln's Sparrow													2
Swamp Sparrow													5
Song Sparrow						4				4			324
Longspur sp.													1
Snow Bunting													2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	135	276	213	211	185	170	250	114	349	1460	100	2445	29543
TOTAL SPECIES	11	14	15	20	17	18	14	14	21	34	13	29	113
RACES			2	2	2	2	1		1	2		2	5
FORMS													1

() Numbers in parenthesis are noted as observations of same birds by more than one party, counted as species and observation by party but not included in totals.

COMPILED BY: David Hutchinson and Hugh Kingery

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1978

- MARCH 4, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (May D/F parking lot) at 8:30 A.M. *
- 5, Sunday. Jeffco Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. Lunch optional.
- 11, Saturday. Lakes north of Denver. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 12, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 18, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 19, Sunday. Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Car-pool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at west gate to Cherry Creek State Park *
- 25, Saturday. Means Meadows (Evergreen). Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at Public Service Parking lot on Highway 74 at 8:30 A.M. *
- 26, Easter Sunday. No trip scheduled.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

MARCH MEETING: MARCH 28, 1978

PROGRAM: "Recent Bird Slides" with Harold Holt.

FEBRUARY 1978 FIELD TRIPS:

- FEBRUARY 4, Saturday. South Platte River from Union to Mississippi and Bear Creek from Lamar to Raleigh (URBN). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Emma Podoleske, Bob Spencer. (Clear; Winds, light, variable; 34°-52°). 12 miles, 7 hours. (31 species)
- 5, Sunday. Evergreen, Squaw Mountain and Mean's Meadows (EVER). Leader: William Brockner. Observers: Sylvia Brockner, Bev Engstrom, Polly Fields, Jay Hamernick, Paige Hamernick, Bill Knauer, Larry Malone, Dona Olderog, Roland Olderog, Ray Olson, Jay Popp, Dr. William Zwartjes. (Clear; 20°-52°). (21 species)
- 11, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir (CHAT). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Dick Franz, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Poppino. (Overcast, fog; 25°). 47 miles, 6 hours. (26 species)
- 12, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 18, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Elizabeth (CCRE). Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman. Observers: Mark Holmgren, Hazel Kellogg, Cecily Mellor, Bea Merry, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; cool). 114 miles, 8 hours. (32 species)
- 19, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Andy Wilbur. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Dieter Kamm. (Mostly cloudy; windy; 10°-30°). 5½ hours. (32 species)
- 25, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland (PAWNE). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Merle Barbour, Vi and Henry Bossman, Bill Knauer. (16 species)
- 26, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Peter Bono (Gales Ferry, Connecticut), John and Joyce Cooper, Warren Finch, James Huntington. (Fog, clearing; 30°-45°). 8 hours. (48 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies follows:

SNOW GOOSE

- "white" form
- "blue" form

RED-TAILED HAWK

- "Western" race
- "Harlan's" race
- "Krider's" race

COMMON FLICKER

- "Yellow-shafted" race
- "Red-shafted" race

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

- "Yellow-bellied" race
- "Red-naped" race

HAIRY WOODPECKER

- "Rocky Mountain" race
- eastern races

DOWNY WOODPECKER

- "Batchelder's" race
- eastern races

SOLITARY VIREO

- "Blue-headed" race
- "Plumbeous" race

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

- "Myrtle" race
- "Audubon's" race

NORTHERN ORIOLE

- "Baltimore" race
- "Bullock's" race

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH

- "Hepburn's" race
- "Gray-crowned" race

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

- "Spotted" race
- eastern races

NORTHERN JUNCO

- "White-winged" race
- "Slate-colored" race
- "Oregon" race

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

- "White-crowned" race
- "Gambel's" race

FEBRUARY 1978	4	5	11	18	19	25	26
AREA	URBN	EVER	CHAT	CCRE	BARR	PAWNE	BLDR
HABITAT	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	PLN	FTH	PLNS	PLMT
Double-crested Cormorant							1
Great Blue Heron	8		1				
Canada Goose	500		16	640	535	20	300
Mallard	62		10	22	3700	40	150
Gadwall	8					2	
Common Pintail			12		175		2
Green-winged Teal	20						
American Wigeon	184		4			1	
Northern Shoveler	26		2		55		1
Redhead					3		1000
Canvasback					1		
Lesser Scaup	2						10
Common Goldeneye	6			1	3		
Bufflehead	1						
Hooded Merganser							3
Common Merganser	3			210	95	2	40
Red-breasted Merganser				1			
Buteo sp.					1		
Red-tailed Hawk	1			2	3		1
"Harlan's" race			1				
Rough-legged Hawk			1		4	8	
Ferruginous Hawk					1	1	
Golden Eagle						4	
Northern Harrier			1	2	3		
Prairie Falcon					1	1	
American Kestrel	1	1		2	1		2
Ring-necked Pheasant					2		
American Coot	22						10
Killdeer	2		1				
Common Snipe	2						
Gull sp.					1		
Glaucous Gull				1			2
Herring Gull	2		1	49			10
Ring-billed Gull	29						100
Rock Dove	47		5	23	21		25
Great Horned Owl			1	2			
Belted Kingfisher	6		1				3
Common Flicker							
"Red-shafted" race	10		3	5	6		30
Hairy Woodpecker		4			1		4
Downy Woodpecker	3			1	2	4	4
Horned Lark				19	231	10000	
Gray Jay		4					
Blue Jay						2	
Steller's Jay		7			2		5
Black-billed Magpie	34	2	26	9	83	8	35
Northern Raven		20					5
American Crow	4	24					2
Clark's Nutcracker		8					
Black-capped Chickadee	2		3	6	16		15
Mountain Chickadee		10			3		20
White-breasted Nuthatch		4			2		15
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1					2
Pygmy Nuthatch		20			21		50
Brown Creeper			4		1		1
North American Dipper	1						2
Marsh Wren				1			
Northern Mockingbird					1		
American Robin	1						50
Townsend's Solitaire		1					2
Cedar Waxwing							200
Northern Shrike			1	1			2
Loggerhead Shrike							1
European Starling	67	6	6	8	78	6	150
House Sparrow	8				45		40
Western Meadowlark				3	77	10	
Red-winged Blackbird			9		342		80
Cassin's Finch		1					
House Finch	25				2		25
Pine Grosbeak		3					
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		1					

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FEBRUARY 1978	4	5	11	18	19	25	26
AREA	URBN	EVER	CHAT	CCRE	BARR	PAWNE	BLDR
HABITAT	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	PLN	FTH	PLNS	PLAIN
Pine Siskin		70					30
American Goldfinch				26			
Red Crossbill		24					40
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	1			
Northern Junco							
"White-winged" race		20					20
"Slate-colored" race			4	8		10	
"Oregon" race		1	5	12		41	15
Gray-headed Junco		4					15
American Tree Sparrow			30	14		106	40
White-crowned Sparrow			2	6			30
White-throated Sparrow							3
Song Sparrow	9		31	3		11	10
Lapland Longspur							6
Snow Bunting							2
TOTAL SPECIES-79	31	21	26	32	32	16	48

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION TO JANUARY 22, 1978 FIELD TRIP REPORT AS FOLLOWS: The three Swainson's Hawks reported at Barr Lake should be corrected to read "Rough-legged Hawk". The Osprey also reported on the same trip should be corrected to read "Unidentified Buteo". Thus, the totals for the trip should show 4 Rough-legged Hawks. (ED.)

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1978 REPORTS:

Pied-billed Grebe 2-14 (1) Maple Grove Reservoir (JJC)
 Snow Goose (presumably all "white" forms) 2-4 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA); 2-4 (45) Lake Henry, Ordway (JDR); 2-21 (1) Latham Reservoir (PE); 2-26 (4) Henry's Lake, Jefferson County (ME)
 Ring-necked Duck 2-4 (300) gravel pit at 74th and Colorado Blvd (I-76), Commerce City (RA)
 Bufflehead 2-18 (4) spillway at Chatfield Dam (JJC)
 Ruddy Duck 2-1 (1), 2-14 (1) Maple Grove Reservoir "seen there again on 3-4, so probably there all month" (JJC)
 Hooded Merganser 2-5 (1 male) McCall's Lake, Lyons (PE); 2-5 (1 male) Lake Estes, Estes Park (PE); 2-18 (1 male) spillway at Chatfield Dam (JJC); 2-26 (1 female) Sloan's Lake (RS)
 Red-breasted Merganser 2-20 (1 male) Maple Grove Reservoir, "4 males there on 3-4" (JJC); 2-25 (4 males) Sloan's Lake (RS)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk Widespread reports from around the Denver area this winter (ED.) "I have had one immature in my yard this winter (Aurora) on 12-23-77, 1-17-78, 1-25, 2-15, 2-16, 3-1" (MS); "One adult all month" Wheatridge (PE); "One all winter; feeds on sparrows at my feeder" Willow Creek Housing Development and along Big Dry Creek (JT); 2-4 (2) Rocky Ford (JDR)
 Cooper's Hawk 2-21 (1) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood "conspicuous white spots in wings as shown in J. J. Audubon's old illustration" JJC)
 Golden Eagle 2-4 (1 adult) Sugar City (JDR)
 Bald Eagle 3 or 4 all month, Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Merlin 2-25 (1) Deer Creek Canyon (CM)
 Common Bobwhite 2-4 (1 male) Rocky Ford (JDR)
 Virginia Rail 2-4 (1) Nepesta, Pueblo County (JDR)
 Glaucous Gull 2-4 (1 sub-adult-"all white with a gray mantle just barely becoming apparent") Commerce City gravel pit (RA); 2-5 (1 immature) gravel pits at 74th Avenue at I-76 (JR)
 Thayer's Gull 2-5 (2 immatures) gravel pits at 74th Avenue and I-76 (JR)
 Mourning Dove 2-4 (1), 2-25 (3) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Northern Pygmy Owl 2-5 (1) Lyons (PE); 2-24 (2) Castlewood Canyon SP (RA)
BOREAL OWL 2-6 along U.S. Highway 36, 3 miles east of the Power Plant on Lake Estes, Estes Park, Larimer County. "I saw this small bird lying dead in the road near the top of the hill so went back to see what it might be. Since it appeared to be freshly killed probably by a car, and not too badly mangled, I retrieved it and put it in our freezer. An examination the next day showed that it had a line across the top of the facial discs, a light grayish beak and an unusually wide wingspan for such a small owl. The only thing that caused me to have doubts on the identification was the overall length of the body of the bird (8½ inches). This seemed too small for a Boreal Owl. I gave this bird to Ron Ryder at the Fort Collins Audubon Meeting, February 21st and he immediately concluded that it was a Boreal Owl, but reserved final judgment until several people could examine it the next day. The results were the same and the skin is now at C.S.U. Wildlife Biology Lab" (WR)
 Saw-whet Owl 2-24 (3) Castlewood Canyon SP (RA)
 Marsh Wren 2-5 and 2-7 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (BIP)
 Sage Thrasher 2-4 (3) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County (JDR)
 Mountain Bluebird 2-25 (20 males) Barr Lake SP (RA)

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Cedar Waxwing 2-13 (50+), 2-15 (10) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood "observation on 2-15 included a pair perched close together passing a hackberry back and forth from bill to bill-presumably a courtship display" (JJC); 2-21 through 2-25 (20) yard, Wheatridge (PE)

Yellow-rumped Warbler 2-11 (1) at feeder, BowMar South (RF)

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 2-12 (5), 2-13 (170+), 2-14 (40+) Green Mountain (ME)

Black Rosy Finch 2-2 (14), 2-7 (8), 2-12 (11), 2-13 (40+), 2-14 (15) Green Mountain (ME)

Brown-capped Rosy Finch 2-13 (1) Green Mountain (ME)

Common Redpoll 2-4 (2), 2-18 (3), 2-25 (16) Barr Lake SP (RA)

Red Crossbill 2-5 (11) Idledale (BIP); 2-5 (10) Genessee Mountain (JJC)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margaret Elliott (ME), Richard Franz (RF), John and Joyce Cooper (JJC), Colin Murcay (CM), Bill and Inez Prather (BIP), Jack Reddall (JR), Jack and Dorothy Reddall (JDR), Warner Reeser (WR), Mildred Snyder (MS), Robert Spencer (RS), Jo Trainor (JT).

CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS PLEASE NOTE: The Editor welcomes individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports deemed as unusual and/or as augmenting the reports furnished by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Individual reports must include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen (sex or plumage if possible) and specific location in order to be considered for inclusion in the Lark Bunting.

GOLDEN EAGLES NEAR YAMPA (submitted by Kathryn Whipple):

"Bob Rossi said he would welcome a few of the birders who would enjoy seeing the eagles. To get to his ranch take Highway 70 to Dillon then take Highway 9 to Kremling, then Highway 40 to Highway 134 and finally Highway 134 to Highway 131 to Yampa. At Yampa turn left off 131, cross a bridge and go into the town. Drive to the end of this street, turn right and go to the end of the street. You will pass a school and come to a stop sign. Turn left here. This is a black top road but I don't think it has a number. The Rossi Ranch is about seven miles on. The house is a white two story building on the left. There is a big metal barn and a couple of log houses in the yard. The eagles nest across the road in the sandcliffs. They come and sit on top of an antenna atop the cliff. Scan the area and I think your sharp eyes will catch the nest. If you can't locate it, go ask at the ranch house. If I've lost you at Yampa, ask anyone in town and they will direct you to Bob Rossi's place".

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored Field Trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested costs are 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Send the summary of your Field Trips, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-List or a list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308
2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the Summary of Field Trips and additional observations.
3. Please notify the Editor if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1978

- APRIL
- 1, Saturday. Jefferson County Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. Lunch optional.
 - 2, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Meet at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers) in Boulder at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 8, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4862). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 9, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day
 - 15, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at NEW Bear Valley Shopping Center (May D/F) at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 16, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
 - 22, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Andy Wilbur (322-8419). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 23, Sunday. Waterton/Chatfield area. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center near FOTOMAT Station at 6:00 A.M. *
 - 29, Saturday. Golden Gate State Park. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 30, Sunday. Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir and Empire Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Voyager Inn (Best Western Motel) at I-70 and Chambers Road at 6:30 A.M. *
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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

APRIL MEETING: APRIL 25, 1978

PROGRAM: Several "Mini-Programs" will be presented. "Colorado Latilongs" with Hugh Kingery; "To Raise a Mockingbird" with Jo Trainor; plus one or two surprises.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1978-1979

The following slate of Officers for the Denver Field Ornithologists has been proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve from September 1978 through August 1979:

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Election of Officers will be held at the May 1978 meeting.

MARCH 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MARCH 4, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman. (Clear; Wind, calm; 8°-46°). 6½ hours. (31 species)
- 5, Sunday. Sloan's Lake, Maple Grove Reservoir, Jefferson County Greenbelt, Red Rocks Park and Morrison (JEFFCO). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Nancy Henke, Doug Jackson (Montreal), Bill Knauer, Bea and Paul Merry. (Clear; Wind, calm). 48 miles, 6½ hours. (38 species)
- 11, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, ponds and lakes between Lowell and Highway 93 from 80th to 26th Avenue (LAKS). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Polly Fields, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer. (Fair; light breeze; 35°-55°). 40 miles, 7½ hours. (42 species)
- 12, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Bruce and Bob Albrecht, Arthur Bergey (Pennsylvania), Warren Finch, Maxine and Dale Foreman, Charlotte Hawes, Doug Jackson, Bea Merry, Judy and Laurie Miller, Don and Diana Mullineaux, Vito Tursi. (Fair; mild). 4 hours. (16 species)
- 18, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek, Willow Springs and lakes in the area (LWBCK). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Nancy Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Bea Merry, Arlene Parker, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Singer, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, June Williamson. (Sunny; little wind; very warm). 51 miles, 7 hours. (34 species)
- 19, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leaders: Ken and Kathryn Whipple. Observers: Bob Albright, Mary Jane Black, Bill Brockner, Sylvia Brockner, Fred Hager, Dieter Kamm, Jack Reddall, Helen and Tom Singer. (Cloudy; 36°-45°). 4½ hours. (39 species)
- 24, Friday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon, Waterton, Chatfield Reservoir (SODEN). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Overcast to partly cloudy; fog, light rain, drizzle; Wind, NE, 10-15 MPH; 33°-45°). 170 miles, 11 hours. (63 species)

25, Saturday. Evergreen and Means Meadow (EVER). Leaders: Mel Gabel and Dieter Kamm. (Two Parties). Observers: Merle Barbour, Vi and Henry Bossman, Ester Campbell, Dick and Milly Dawson, Joe & Dinorah Hargadon, Vi Hubka, Nancy Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Larry and Dorothy Kleeman, Sadie Morrison, Ray Olson, Louise Rububa, Helen Singer, Robert and Shirley Spencer, Barbara Sternberg, Helen and Jed Swem, Edna Claire Thomas, Warren Thomas, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, June Williamson. (Clear; Wind, moderate; 30°-45°). 4 hours, 2 miles. (23 species)

25, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Boulder, Longmont (Union Reservoir), Platteville (Latham Reservoir), Prospect Reservoir, Barr Lake State Park and Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm becoming NW, 18-25 MPH; 31°-53°). 211 miles, 10½ hours. (63 species)

29, Wednesday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Observer: Bob Andrews. (Clear; Wind, calm; 73°). 6½ hours. (53 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

MARCH	4	5	11	12	18	19	24	25	25	29
AREA	CHAT	JEFFCO	LAKS	RRP	LWBCK	CKR	SODEN	EVER	NCCO	BARR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLN	FN	PLNS	FTH	PL	FN	PLNS	PLNS	FN
Horned Grebe							39	40	19	15
Eared Grebe				1			6		1	2
Western Grebe									#2	4
Pied-billed Grebe		1							1	4
Double-crested Cormorant									15	60
Great Blue Heron	4		4		1		6	10	5	30
Canada Goose	375	105	97		46		9	40	175	30
Mallard	64	206	56		20		8	215	6900	600
Gadwall			5		2		12	350	860	330
Common Pintail	2		6		3		1	80	3575	400
Green-winged Teal	9	1	12		10		8	90	110	185
Cinnamon Teal			2				4		8	
American Wigeon	6	24	28		10		4	370	430	200
Northern Shoveler		530	526		20		2	70	3180	2600
Wood Duck							Pair			
Redhead	12	62	42		30		6	475	2000	16
Ring-necked Duck			25					75	2	8
Canvasback			7						36	8
Lesser Scaup	2		5		3			65	310	65
Common Goldeneye	15	36	10					12	6	4
Bufflehead	5		1				2	9	12	2
Ruddy Duck		1	1						3	4
Hooded Merganser			1						3	
Common Merganser	68	50	33		3		4	240	85	4
Red-breasted Merganser		4	3							
Accipiter sp.									1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	1	1					
Cooper's Hawk							1 ad			
Buteo sp.										1
Red-tailed Hawk							1			2
"Western" race	1							5	5	3
"Harlan's" race	1							1		1
Rough-legged Hawk	3							3	1	1
Ferruginous Hawk							1			
Golden Eagle	1			2						
Northern Harrier	2						1	1	4	2
Prairie Falcon				3				1	1	
American Kestrel		1	3	3	3		1	17	2	19
Ring-necked Pheasant							4	5	2	3
American Coot		11	2		1		12	460	90	420
Killdeer	1				1		8	3	45	8
Common Snipe			1							
Baird's Sandpiper							2		35	
Gull sp.										2
Glaucous Gull									1	1m
Herring Gull		1	1				1	3	9	
Thayer's Gull							1	1m	1	1m
California Gull							1	2	1	
Ring-billed Gull	10	120		13	1		20	380	400	

MARCH AREA HABITAT	4 CHAT PLNS	5 JEFFCO PLN FH	11 LAKS PLNS	12 RRP FTH	18 LWBCK PL FH	19 CCKR PLNS	24 SODEN PLNS FH	25 EVER MTNS	25 NCCO PLNS	29 PARR PLNS
Franklin's Gull							1 80		100	2
Rock Dove		30 30	13	25	15					1
Mourning Dove										1
Great Horned Owl	5								1	1
Burrowing Owl									1	
Short-eared Owl										2
Belted Kingfisher	3	2			2		1			
Common Flicker	5									
"Red-shafted" race		9 2	7	4	10	4	8 6 2	1	15	25
Lewis' Woodpecker								1		
Hairy Woodpecker					3	1				5
Downy Woodpecker									2	
eastern races									75	
Horned Lark	23		6			7	8 2 1 1		1	
Blue Jay		1					2 4	9	16	
Steller's Jay			4							
Scrub Jay			2	11	1					
Black-billed Magpie	26	35 5	28	12 12	2	6	50 5	7	45	52
Northern Raven				2			1	2	1	
American Crow		2	3				1 7	3	5	
Clark's Nutcracker								2		
Black-capped Chickadee	6	6 2		10	2	1	5 3		6	33
Mountain Chickadee							1	8	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch							2	6		
Pygmy Nuthatch							6	17		
Brown Creeper		1			1		1			
North American Dipper			1		2					
Canyon Wren				3			1 2			
Sage Thrasher							2			1
American Robin		2 1	1	4	20	4	1 35 15	15	15	21
Western Bluebird							7 3	4		
Mountain Bluebird			45				70	10		
Townsend's Solitaire		1		6	3		2 7	1		
Water Pipit						1				8
Bohemian Waxwing								50		
Northern Shrike								2		
Loggerhead Shrike							2			
European Starling	16	9 18	18	2	25	50	215 10		125	65
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race									1 ma	
House Sparrow		10 10	3			2	30	3	100	37
Western Meadowlark	11		1	1	8	10	90 20		115	37
Yellow-headed Blackbird									20	1
Red-winged Blackbird	5	6	12		5	8	50 15		1600	1450
Brewer's Blackbird									30	
Common Grackle										1
Evening Grosbeak									2	
House Finch		8	5		4		25		20	3
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		15								
Pine Siskin								2		
American Goldfinch			1						5	20
Red Crossbill								5		
Rufous-sided Towhee		3		4						
"Spotted" race							1 11		1	
Northern Junco	13									
"White-winged" race							1	1		
"Slate-colored" race		1		4			2			1
"Oregon" race		5 3	1	2		2	3 90 5		15	30
Gray-headed Junco		3		2			1 2	3		
American Tree Sparrow	23					58			1	7
Harris' Sparrow	3									
White-crowned Sparrow	1					2				5
Song Sparrow	9	1	6		3	6	22 8		5	12
TOTAL SPECIES-100	31	38	42	16	34	39	63	23	63	53

non-migrant, wintering birds at Valmont Reservoir.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1978 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 3-18 (7) Chatfield SP (HK)
 Western Grebe 3-26 (1) Chatfield SP (JRo)
 Double-crested Cormorant Arrived at Barr Lake SP on 3-19 (RA)
 Great Blue Heron Arrived at Barr Lake SP on 3-12 (RA)
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 3-5 (300) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County (JDR); 3-5 and

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3-8 (1 subadult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JDR); 3-9 (1 subadult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC); 3-12 and 3-18 (2 adults, 1 subadult) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JDR); 3-18 (300) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (JDR)

Blue-winged Teal 3-28 (1) Mile High Duck Club (RA)

Greater Scaup 3-17 and 3-18 (2) Kendrick Reservoir (JJC)

Barrow's Goldeneye 3-4 (1 male) Cooley Gravel Pits, South Platte River (RF)

Red-breasted Merganser 3-4 (4 males) Maple Grove Reservoir (JJC); 3-15 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC); 3-18 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JDR)

Sharp-shinned Hawk 3-19 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK); 3-23 (1) 3rd and Monaco (HK)

Cooper's Hawk 3-17 (1) 17th and Williams, Wyman School, Denver (KH); 3-29 (1) Wheatridge (PE)

Golden Eagle 3-5 (1 adult) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County (JR)

Bald Eagle 3-18 (1 immature) Weldona (JDR); 3-18 (1 adult, 3 immatures) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (JDR); 3-25 (1 adult, 2 immatures) Chatfield SP (JJC); 3-28 (1 immature) Barr Lake SP (RA)

Osprey 3-26 (1) above pond behind Kent Country Day School, Cherry Hills Village (JT)

Merlin 3-18 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JR)

Common Bobwhite 3-18 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JDR)

Sandhill Crane 3-24 (11) Chatfield SP (HK); 3-25 (3440) Monte Vista NWR (DCG)

Virginia Rail 3-19 (1) Chatfield SP (RF); 3-25 (3) Chatfield SP (RF)

Greater Yellowlegs 3-25 (2) Chatfield SP (ME)

Lesser Yellowlegs 3-28 (1) Mile High Duck Club (RA)

Baird's Sandpiper 3-18 (1) farm pond, County Roads 6 and 61, Weld County (JDR)

Pectoral Sandpiper 3-25 (2) Veteran's Home, Monte Vista (DCG)

Thayer's Gull 1 immature all month up to 3-24, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Franklin's Gull 3-20 (9) Clover Basin Reservoir, Longmont (RA)

Mourning Dove 3-25 through 3-31 (1 or 2) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC)

Common Screech Owl 3-18 (1 "eastern" race) calling from inside tree cavity, Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JDR); 3-24 (3) Barr Lake SP (RA)

Long-eared Owl 3-12 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)

Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 3-28 (1) Lakewood (PE)

Williamson's Sapsucker 3-29 (1 male) Genesee Mountain Park (JJC)

Hairy Woodpecker 3-18 (1 "eastern" race) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JR); 3-19 (1 male "Rocky Mountain" race) Castlewood Canyon SP (JR)

Ladder-backed Woodpecker 3-5 (1 male) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County (JDR)

Eastern Kingbird 3-27 (1) "observed flycatching from the top wire on a fence. It was observed 1.2 miles west of Wadsworth on Ken Caryl Road" (JS)

Say's Phoebe 3-29 (1) Green Mountain, Jefferson County (ME)

Violet-green Swallow 3-26 (1) Chatfield SP (JRo)

Tree Swallow 3-18 (1) Waterton (UK)

White-necked Raven 3-5 (5) Campo, Baca County (JDR)

Bewick's Wren 3-5 (2) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County (JR)

Marsh Wren 3-18 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JR); 3-25 (1) Chatfield SP (RF)

Sage Thrasher 3-19 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)

Western Bluebird 3-19 (1 pair) Castlewood Canyon-Winkler Ranch (JR); 3-24 (23) Chatfield SP (HK); 3-24 (10) Waterton (JR)

Cedar Waxwing "25 every day through 3-30", Wheatridge (PE); 3-18 (15) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JDR); 3-27 through 3-31 (1 to 4) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC)

Loggerhead Shrike 3-12 (1) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JDR)

Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Audubon's" race) One female from 12-14-1977 regularly through 3-4-1978, 305 East Maplewood Avenue, Littleton - "It drank great quantities of water and as the weather got colder. . . . it was getting bits of suet from our suet feeder" (GH)

Yellow-headed Blackbird 3-25 (1 male) Chatfield SP (RF)

Cassin's Finch 3-18 (5) Waterton (HK)

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PROGRAM: "Endangered means there's still time" with Marshall Jones, Endangered Species Specialist.

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- April 1, Saturday. Sloan's Lake to Jefferson County Greenbelt (JEF). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Dorothy Bailey, Milly and Dick Dawson, Ginny and Tom Faxon, Mary Robinson, Vito Tursi, Norm Ziegler. (Cloudy; cool). 15 miles, 4 hours. (19 species)
- 2, Sunday. Boulder area lakes (Baseline Res., Valmont Res., Park Lake, Prince Lake, Jasper Pond, Union Res. (Longmont), Clover Basin Res. (Longmont), McCall Lake (Lyons) (BLDR). Observers: Bob Andrews, Harold and LaVona Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Steve Larson, Pete Moulton, Ray Olson, Bruce Webb. (Partly Cloudy; Wind, calm; 67°). 7½ hours. (54 species)
- 8, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park and Mile High Duck Club (BARR). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Mary Anderson, Henry and Vi Bossman, Margaret Duerst, Emily Durham, Bev Engstrom, Ginny Faxon, Marlene Gardell, Polly Fields, Al and Ann Grant, Fred Hager, Leon Miller, Dorothy Miller, Ron Lestina, Sadie Morrison, Hazel Nelson, Roland and Donna Olderog, Bob Rozinski, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 42°-60°). 57 miles, 8 hours. (53 species)
- 9, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
- 15, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and lakes of the area to Morrison (LBCK). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Ted Dement, Charlotte Hawes, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Emma Podolske, Vito Tursi, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, Carl Wolf. (Cloudy, cool in A.M.; showery and cool in P.M.). 31 miles, 6½ hours. (46 species)
- 16, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland (PNG). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Paul Aberle, Jo Ann Pettinicchio, Carl Wolf, John Esher, Vito Tursi, Dave McCargo. (Fair). (55 species)
- 22, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Andy Wilbur. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 23, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield State Park (W/CH). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Sid Brown, Anne Casey, John Hannum, Anne Kingery, Urling Kingery, Paul Julian, Frank and Jan Justice, Larry Malone, Thompson Marsh, Bill Massmann, Bill and Inez Prather, Mary Jane Schock, Arnold Silverman, Jo Trainor, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, mostly calm). 9 hours. (74 species)

- APRIL 29, Saturday. Golden Gate State Park and White Ranch (GGSP). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Al and Ann Grant, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Mary Robinson, Vito Tursi. (Fair in A.M. becoming cloudy with rain; 45°-55°). 65 miles, 7½ hours. (24 species)
- 29, Saturday. North Central Colorado: Boulder, Longmont, Platteville, Latham Res., Prospect Res., Mile High Duck Club, Barr Lake State Park and Cherry Creek Res. (NCCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly Cloudy to cloudy, rain showers in P.M.; Wind, NE, 15-20 MPH; 38°-68°). 225 miles, 13 hours. (100 species)
- 30, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, South Platte River at Goodrich, Empire Reservoir and return to Denver area (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper. (Sky obscured in fog, drizzle and rain becoming cloudy with light rain showers; Wind, NE, 5-10 MPH; 42°-48°). 229 miles, 12 hours. (81 species)

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Common Loon									1
Horned Grebe	4	50		6		35		1	2
Eared Grebe		1	1		1			22	2
Western Grebe		3	3			131		80	135
Pied-billed Grebe			1			2			2
American White Pelican			1		13			5	35
Double-crested Cormorant			41					19	7
Great Blue Heron		2	5	2		14		3	7
<u>LITTLE BLUE HERON</u>								1 im	
Snowy Egret								5	
Black-crowned Night Heron								1	
American Bittern									1
White-faced Ibis						6		1	1
Canada Goose	10	38	36	2		12		62	13
Mallard	14	140	9	17	100	25	2	675	100
Gadwall		200	24	70	6	72		350	200
Common Pintail		10	12		106			110	9
Green-winged Teal		125	2	2	12	120		100	175
Blue-winged Teal		2	9	2	12	64		125	175
Cinnamon Teal		3	3	4		22		14	2
American Wigeon		55	4	208		104		115	35
Northern Shoveler		50	214	15	1	111		350	155
Wood Duck						2			
Redhead		300	5	2		5		4	
Ring-necked Duck		12	2			1		12	4
Canvasback		3	4	2					
Greater Scaup		1							
Lesser Scaup		150	8	3	14	27		120	100
Common Goldeneye		4		2					
Bufflehead		8	1	3	2	7		18	21
Ruddy Duck		5	1		3	5		220	16
Hooded Merganser		4							
Common Merganser		9		1	2	10			
Red-breasted Merganser		20							
Turkey Vulture		3		12		12			
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1	1			
Cooper's Hawk					1	2			
Red-tailed Hawk		1		1		3	1		
"Harlan's" race		1							
Swainson's Hawk			2	1	6	2	1	2	5
Rough-legged Hawk					2				
Ferruginous Hawk			1		2				
Golden Eagle				1	2	1	1		
Bald Eagle			1						
Northern Harrier		1	3		4			2	3
Osprey						2			
Prairie Falcon				1	1				
American Kestrel		12	3	9	8	13	5	10	22
Ring-necked Pheasant			2		1			4	8

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Townsend's Solitaire		1		2			3		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							6	1	
Water Pipit					1	3			
Cedar Waxwing								17	
Loggerhead Shrike					2				5
European Starling	90	22	12	64	12	20		300	210
Orange-crowned Warbler						2		1	
Virginia's Warbler								3	
Yellow-rumped Warbler									
"Myrtle" race						9	1	4	4
"Audubon's" race					2	14	3	20	29
Common Yellowthroat									1
House Sparrow	18	10	7	6	10			170	165
Western Meadowlark		24	41	9	330	18	4	130	125
Yellow-headed Blackbird			2	1	8			1055	50
Red-winged Blackbird	2	55	92		200	33		230	750
Brewer's Blackbird				1				6	40
Common Grackle	5	11		10	25			165	1000
Brown-headed Cowbird								3	19
Evening Grosbeak								6	
House Finch	10	1		9		4		33	15
Pine Siskin						1		3	
American Goldfinch			2						
Green-tailed Towhee								1	
Rufous-sided Towhee						27			
"Spotted" race								3	3
Savannah Sparrow					6	3			
Vesper Sparrow					20			2	
Junco sp.	1								
Northern Junco						3			
"Slate-colored" race			1						
"Oregon" race			5					1	1
Gray-headed Junco					3			2	1
Chipping Sparrow					10		6	3	
Clay-colored Sparrow									1
Harris' Sparrow						5			1
White-crowned Sparrow					3	5			50
Song Sparrow	10		2	1		18		3	2
McCown's Longspur					30				1
Chestnut-collared Longspur					4				
TOTAL SPECIES-151	19	54	53	46	55	74	24	100	81

includes 2 young birds

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1978 REPORTS:

Cattle Egret 4-29 (1, breeding plumage) 10 miles north of Alamosa along Route 285 (PP)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 4-7 (1) 4450 South Alton St., Englewood, "landed in a
 Cottonwood in backyard" (DR)
 White-faced Ibis 4-15 (3) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
 Ross' Goose 4-24 (1 immature) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (HH)
 Wood Duck 4-15 (1 pair) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
 Canvasback 4-23 (1 male) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (HH)
 Common Goldeneye 4-22 (1 female) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (HH)
 Hooded Merganser 4-4 (2 females) Denver City Park (RW); 4-22 (1 female) Mile High Duck
 Club (HH)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 4-1 (1 adult) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (JR); 4-3 (1) 869
 Milwaukee, Denver (HK, UK); 4-15 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver, "caught a Starling as we
 watched" (HK, UK); 4-22 (2) Waterton (HK); 4-23 (1 adult) Castlewood Canyon State
 Park (DR, JR); 4-25 & 4-26 (1 immature) Wheatridge (PE)
 Cooper's Hawk 4-22 (1) Waterton (HK); 4-24 (2) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge (PR)
 RED-SHOULDERED HAWK 4-26 (1 immature) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (HH)
 Broad-winged Hawk 4-22 (1) Morrison Picnic Ground (RS)
 Rough-legged Hawk 4-23 (1) Tamarack Ranch, Crook (HH)
 Osprey 4-15 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DR, JR); 4-22 (1) Waterton (HK); 4-22 (1) Wash-
 ington Park, Denver (DW); 4-23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Merlin 4-15 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR); 4-24 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife
 Area, Logan County (HH)
 Greater Prairie Chicken 4-24 & 4-25 (9) sandhills north of Wray (HH)
 Lesser Prairie Chicken 4-29 & 4-30 (12) Baca County (HH)
 Sandhill Crane 4-1 (7) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (JR); 4-25 (5) Red Lion State
 Wildlife Area, Logan County (HH)
 Virginia Rail 4-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 4-2 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DW);

4-23 (1) farm pond, Weld County Roads 6 & 61 (DR, JR)
Black-necked Stilt 4-30 (4) C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo (CG, DG)
Semipalmated Plover 4-23 (4) gravel pits, 74th Avenue at I-76, Adams County (JR)
Marbled Godwit 4-15 (1) farm pond, Weld County Roads 6 & 61 (DM, DR, JR)
Solitary Sandpiper 4-23 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County (HH)
Willet 4-22 (1) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (HH)
Spotted Sandpiper 4-24 (2) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (HH)
Long-billed Dowitcher 4-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Sanderling 4-23 (1) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JR)
Western Sandpiper 4-23 (2) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JR)
Least Sandpiper 4-1 (1) farm pond, Weld County Roads 6 & 61 (JR)
Bonaparte's Gull 4-15 (1) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (DR, JR)
Forster's Tern 4-23 (4) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (HH)
Northern Pygmy Owl 4-22 (1) Waterton (HK)
Long-eared Owl 4-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DR, JR)
Poor-will 4-26 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (HH)
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Broad-tailed Hummingbird 4-22 (1) Waterton (HK)
Lewis' Woodpecker 4-29 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Western Kingbird 4-26 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (HH)
Eastern Phoebe 4-25 (1 pair, "nest site hunting under wooden bridge") Beecher Island,
Yuma County (HH)
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Hermit Thrush 4-15 & 4-16 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
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Black-and-White Warbler 4-26 (1) 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood (DR); 4-26 (1)
Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (HH)
Virginia's Warbler 4-25 (3) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (PE)
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Orchard Oriole 4-29 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Lazuli Bunting 4-29 (4) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (MS)
Rufous-sided Towhee 4-23 (7) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County (HH)
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- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Bob and Bruce Albrecht, Vito Tursi, Carl Wolf. (Fair; warm). 4 hours. (33 species)
- 20, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Jan Justice. Observers: Sid Brown, Lori Chappell, Al and Ann Grant, Fred Hager, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Al Kewing, Bob Richter, Joe Roller. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, light; 49°-72°). 10 hours. (82 species)
- 21, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park to Banner Lakes area (BAR). Leader: Andy Wilbur. Observers: Tom Hollenbeck, Doug Ward, Judy Ward. (Cloudy with afternoon rain). (64 species)
- 27, Saturday. Fort Morgan (Adena area) (FTM). Leader: Joseph Rigli. Observers: Gretchen Cutts, Ronald Oldero, Ray Olson, Florence Piers, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy with afternoon rain clouds). 21 miles, 7 hours. (38 species)
- 28, Sunday. Boulder area (BDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Dick Franz. (Partly cloudy, thundershowers; 50°-70°). 9 hours. (83 species)

SPRING COUNT - MAY 13, 1978 (169 species)

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Observer: Thompson Marsh. (61 species)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park, Mile High Duck Club, Tower Road (BARR). Observer: Bob Andrews. (104 species)
Golden: Lion's Park, Clear Creek, White Ranch-east entrance (GLD). Observers: Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (28 species)
Conifer: Beaver Ranch (CFR). Observers: Kathy Brunner, Carol Hemington, Doris Pare, Don Thatcher. (26 species)
Waterton and Chatfield State Park (W/C). Observers: Frank and Jan Justice, Hugh Kingery, Jo Trainor, Allen Stokes, Mary Kay Waddington. (112 species)

Bonny Reservoir (BON). Observers: Peter Gent, Bill Lybarger, Pete Moulton, Bruce Webb. (89 species)

Genesee Park Scout Camp on Lookout Mountain (GEN). Observer: Judy Ward. (29 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

MAY	6	14	20	21	27	28	MAY 13 - SPRING COUNT								
AREA	CCR	RRP	CSP	BAR	FTM	BDR	CCR	BARR	GLD	CFR	W/C	BON	GEN	COUNT	
HABITAT	PLN	FTH	PLN	PLN	PLN	PFH	PLN	PLNS	FTH	MTN	PLN	PLN	MTN	TOTAL	
Common Loon			1												
Horned Grebe	1										1			1	
Eared Grebe			11					26			1			27	
Western Grebe	8		38	16		2		100			65	5		170	
Pied-billed Grebe			1	2		1		2						2	
American White Pelican				1				19						19	
Double-crested Cormorant			1	49				125			3	12		140	
Great Blue Heron			27	17		6	1	42			100	2		145	
Snowy Egret											2			2	
Black-crowned Night Heron	1					4		9			1			9	
White-faced Ibis								9			2			11	
Canada Goose	13		10	11		80	6	10			19			35	
Mallard	24		16	76	6	25	48	225	4	4	23	35		339	
Gadwall	20		5	16		8	10	235			20	3		268	
Common Pintail				8	1			185				6		191	
Green-winged Teal	4		15			10	27	125			30			182	
Blue-winged Teal	10		12	7			41	80			30	5		156	
Cinnamon Teal	11		6	1		4	3	36			10			49	
American Wigeon	1		3				2	3			20	11		36	
Northern Shoveler			9	21			12	570			27	15		624	
Redhead			4	1			14	10						24	
Lesser Scaup	1		6				1	53			7			61	
Bufflehead	3							12			4			16	
Ruddy Duck	1		41					240			2	5		247	
Common Merganser			1-f												
Red-breasted Merganser											1			1	
Turkey Vulture			2								1	1		2	
Northern Goshawk													1	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				1		1					2	
Cooper's Hawk		1						1						1	
Red-tailed Hawk			2				1	1		1	3	2	1	9	
Broad-winged Hawk											1			1	
Swainson's Hawk			2	4	3			9			3	3		15	
Ferruginous Hawk											1			1	
Golden Eagle									1					1	
Northern Harrier	1			1			1	4					1	6	
Prairie Falcon		1									1			1	
American Kestrel	2	1	6	2	2	10	4	4	2		21	1		32	
Ring-necked Pheasant	4		1	1	3		4	8			3	6		21	
Sandhill Crane			1												
Virginia Rail			1					1			6			7	
Sora	1			1				1			3			4	
American Coot	53		45	62		10	40	700			200	45		985	
American Avocet	8		6	8		9	16	30			16			62	
Semipalmated Plover	13						23				2			25	
Killdeer	7		5	13	4	15	3	23			10	7		43	
Marbled Godwit							1				13			14	
Lesser Yellowlegs	3							2						2	
Solitary Sandpiper	2														
Willet	2		2								2			2	
Spotted Sandpiper			3	2			20	17	4	2	19	19		81	
Wilson's Phalarope	6		7	27		4	26	875			100	6		1007	
Northern Phalarope				1				5				1		6	
Common Snipe	1					6		1		1				2	
Long-billed Dowitcher	10						1	64			16			81	
Sanderling								3				1		4	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	20		2				1				1	1		3	
Western Sandpiper	6											2		2	
Least Sandpiper	7						34	21			2	3		60	

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	CCR	RRP	CSP	BAR	FTM	BDR	CCR	BARR	GLD	CFR	W/C	BON	GEN	
	PLN	FTH	PLN	PLN	PLN	PFH	PLN	PLNS	FTH	MTN	PLN	PLN	MTN	
Baird's Sandpiper			16					2			6			8
Pectoral Sandpiper	1							1						1
Herring Gull	2													
California Gull			1			7		4			14	1		19
Ring-billed Gull	10		4			20	5	12			3	9		29
Bonaparte's Gull	1										1	8		9
Forster's Tern	7		2								10	15		25
Black Tern				27		8	3				6	22		31
Band-tailed Pigeon						40								
Rock Dove		30	1			50		1			11		6	18
Mourning Dove	6	4	14		7	20	24	72	8		39	35	2	180
Barn Owl												3		3
Common Screech Owl												1		1
Great Horned Owl			9	1	4		4	4			7	1		16
Burrowing Owl			1		1	1	2	12			2			16
Long-eared Owl	2													
Poor-will								5				1		6
Chimney Swift						20								
White-throated Swift		20				8								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird						15			1					1
Belted Kingfisher	1		2			2	1	1			7	1		10
Common Flicker			8								21	14		35
"Red-shafted" race	5	5		1		10	10	10	5	2				27
Red-headed Woodpecker			1		1							2		2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker										1				1
Williamson's Sapsucker										4				4
Hairy Woodpecker										1			1	3
Downy Woodpecker			2	1	1	3		7			15	3		25
Eastern Kingbird			3	16	4	1		18			6	16		40
Western Kingbird				20	10	2	2	15				5		22
Say's Phoebe	1	2						3						3
Empidonax sp.	1	1						4			4			8
Willow Flycatcher						1		1						1
Least Flycatcher												1		1
Hammond's Flycatcher											1			1
Dusky Flycatcher						1	2	1						3
Western Flycatcher			2											
Western Pewee			4	9	1	15		3			1			4
Olive-sided Flycatcher						3						1		1
Horned Lark	73		1	3	12		1	35			3			39
Violet-green Swallow		14	10			20			2		10			12
Tree Swallow						6	2	4			7		2	15
Rough-winged Swallow	3		11								3	8		11
Barn Swallow	39		25	14	2	60	2	19	11	1	28	22	3	86
Cliff Swallow	30	6	100			200	1				85	6		92
Blue Jay	1				1			3				10		13
Steller's Jay						20				2	1		9	12
Scrub Jay		2									2			2
Black-billed Magpie	8	7	11	33	6	40	9	62	9		41	16	2	139
Northern Raven						4				4			1	5
American Crow					1	4	1	2			2		3	8
Black-capped Chickadee	1	1	1	4		2		20			16	12		48
Mountain Chickadee						1				10			15	25
White-breasted Nuthatch						1								
Pygmy Nuthatch										2			5	7
Brown Creeper										1				1
House Wren		2	14	37				50		3	68	11		132
Marsh Wren											2			2
Canyon Wren		2												
Rock Wren								12			2			14
Northern Mockingbird					1							1		1
Gray Catbird			3	3		6					1			1
Brown Thrasher					1	1						8		8
Sage Thrasher	1													
American Robin	23	10	4	10	2	100	8	14	12	10	20	16	10	90
Catharus sp.								1						1
Hermit Thrush				4				1						1
Swainson's Thrush				2	4	1		25			2	9	1	37
Gray-cheeked Thrush								1				1		2
Veery												1		1
Mountain Bluebird	23							1					8	9

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	PLN	FTH	PLN	PLN	PLN	PFH	PLN	PLNS	FTH	MTN	PLN	PLN	MTN	TOTAL	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1	1		7			3	12	
Water Pipit	22														
Cedar Waxwing												3		3	
Loggerhead Shrike	1				2			5						5	
European Starling	7	2	30	47	6	300	17	135	4	2	39	60	3	260	
Solitary Vireo						10			1					1	
Red-eyed Vireo					1	2									
Warbling Vireo			2			4					5	3		8	
Orange-crowned Warbler											1			1	
Virginia's Warbler		8				10		2			12	1		15	
Yellow Warbler		2	12	8	2	30	2	16	3		38	22		81	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			6												
"Myrtle" race	2			1			13	10	1		14	3		41	
"Audubon's" race	2	3		5	4	6		81	20	4	126	13	2	246	
Palm Warbler											1	2		3	
Ovenbird							1							1	
Northern Waterthrush						1						6		6	
MacGillivray's Warbler											11			11	
Common Yellowthroat			6	13	1	8	4	7			11	15		37	
Yellow-breasted Chat		5	2			4					10			10	
Wilson's Warbler		1	3	1		5		1			4			5	
American Redstart											1			1	
House Sparrow				20		50		62	9		2		2	75	
Western Meadowlark	10	3	35	64	9	150	17	115	4		74	35		245	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			20	21		40		500			12	10		522	
Red-winged Blackbird	8		40	24	6	200	41	275	5		40	36		397	
Orchard Oriole					1							15		15	
Northern Oriole			6								18			18	
"Baltimore" race												3		3	
"Bullock's" race		6		58	7	15	5	36	3			16		60	
Brewer's Blackbird			2	5		10		2	1		5			8	
Common Grackle	12		10	17	6	400	9	52	6		5	26	2	100	
Brown-headed Cowbird		7	7	6		8	4	8	2		17	5		36	
Western Tanager			7	1		10		2	1		22			25	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak												2		2	
Black-headed Grosbeak		3	4	1		20	2	1	1		11	3		18	
Blue Grosbeak						2									
Indigo Bunting						1									
Lazuli Bunting		3	3			6					16	1		17	
Hybrid Bunting											1			1	
Evening Grosbeak						30				1	6			7	
Cassin's Finch													1	1	
House Finch	2	4	2	1		60	4	1	10		1		4	20	
Pine Siskin						15		1		3	43	7	10	64	
American Goldfinch		1	2	1				3			1	12		16	
Lesser Goldfinch						4									
Red Crossbill													3	3	
Green-tailed Towhee				1			1	14			8	1		24	
Rufous-sided Towhee		9	6			6	1	3	6		32	6		48	
Lark Bunting				26	10			28						28	
Savannah Sparrow	21						2	1			6	1		10	
Vesper Sparrow	12	3	12		1	6	1	4		2	3	12		22	
Lark Sparrow	4			2				6				21		27	
Northern Junco											3			3	
Gray-headed Junco						8				12	1		1	14	
Chipping Sparrow	20	5	2	12	3	5		25	3		25	22	15	90	
Clay-colored Sparrow						1		1				2		3	
Brewer's Sparrow					1			3				3		6	
Field Sparrow												1		1	
Harris' Sparrow												1		1	
White-crowned Sparrow			2	2			1	9		1	15	12	1	39	
Lincoln's Sparrow								2			5	5		12	
Song Sparrow	1		6	2		8	11			1	16			28	
TOTAL SPECIES - 185	64	33	82	64	38	83	61	104	28	26	112	89	29	169	

ADDITIONAL MAY 1978 REPORTS:

Common Loon 5-1 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (JRo); 5-1 (1) Marston Reservoir, BowMar (JRo);
 5-4 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 5-27 (2) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (BL);
 5-29 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (RA)
 Green Heron 5-20 (1) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DW, JW); 5-25 (1) Rocky
 Ford State Fishing Area (RA)

Cattle Egret 5-30 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (RA)
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron 5-25 (1) Rocky Ford (RA)
 American Bittern 5-16 (1) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DW, JW)
 Snow Goose 5-11 (10) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (MJS)
AMERICAN BLACK DUCK 5-26 (1) Crook (BL)
 Wood Duck 5-4 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 5-14 (1) Waterton (HK); 5-29 (pair) Barr Lake State Park (JRo)
 Canvasback 5-9 (1 male) Boulder (HH)
 *GREATER SCAUP 5-29 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co. (BL, RS)
 Bufflehead 5-29 (3) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (RA)
 Red-breasted Merganser 5-1 (1 female) John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co. (HH)
 Mississippi Kite 5-27 ("at least 8-one nest found") Lamar City Park (RA)
 Northern Goshawk 5-9 (1) Morrison (BL)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 5-8 (1) Barr Lake State Park (BL)
 Cooper's Hawk 5-13 (1) Brighton (HH)
 Peregrine Falcon 5-4 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA, BL); 5-11 (1) Boulder (HH)
 Merlin 5-7 (1) Waterton (HH)
 Blue Grouse 5-21 (1) Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder Co. (BL)
 Sage Grouse 5-14 (34) North Park (HH)
 Common Bobwhite 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir near Foster Campground, Yuma Co. (RS)
 Wild Turkey 5-26 (4) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County (RA)
 Snowy Plover 5-1 (3) Lake Cheraw, Cheraw (HH); 5-21 (1) Severance (RA); 5-25 (7) Lake Cheraw, Cheraw (RA)
 Mountain Plover 5-27 & 5-28 (3) Pawnee National Grassland (BJ)
 Black-bellied Plover 5-9 (1) Boulder (HH)
 Long-billed Curlew 5-4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DW, JW); 5-27 & 5-28 (1) Pawnee National Grassland (BJ)
 Upland Sandpiper 5-1 (2) Tamarack Ranch, Crook (JJC); 5-29 (2) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (RA)
 Greater Yellowlegs 5-13 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co. (HH)
 Ruddy Turnstone 5-29 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (RA)
 Sanderling 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (RS)
 White-rumped Sandpiper 5-27 (40) & 5-28 (12) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (BL)
 Baird's Sandpiper 5-28 (2) Grover (HH)
 Dunlin 5-1 (1) Lake Cheraw, Cheraw (HH)
 Stilt Sandpiper 5-20 (5) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JJC); 5-27 (16) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (BL)
LAUGHING GULL 5-28 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (BL)
 Franklin's Gull 5-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BL); 5-27 (1) & 5-28 (14) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (BL)
 Common Tern 5-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BL); 5-27 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (BL)
CASPIAN TERN 5-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (RA, BL); 5-29 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5-11 (1) Waterton (HH); 5-20 (1) CU Campus, Boulder (RA)
 Barn Owl 5-26 (2) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County (RA)
 Common Screech Owl 5-20 (2 adults and family of 4 juveniles) CU Campus, Boulder (RA)
 Long-eared Owl 5-28 (1 adult and 2 fledglings) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DW, JW)
 Short-eared Owl 5-25 (1) near Pritchett, Baca Co. (RA)
 Poor-will 5-21 (1) Pawnee National Grassland (RA)
 Common Nighthawk 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (RS); 5-28 (3) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (BL)
 White-throated Swift 5-21 (1) Pawnee Buttes, Weld Co. (RA)
 Red-headed Woodpecker 5-15 (1 immature) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Lakewood (JJC); 5-29 (2) Barr Lake State Park (BL); 5-31 (1 immature) Red Rocks Park (JJC)
 Williamson's Sapsucker 5-11 (1) Littleton (MS)
 Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 5-3 (pair) Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder Co. (RA); 5-13 (2) Mesa Trail near Boulder (PE)
 Eastern Phoebe 5-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (RS)
 Hammond's Flycatcher 5-13 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (HH)
EASTERN PEWEE 5-11 (1) Waterton (HH)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 5-11 (1) Waterton (HH)
 Northern Mockingbird 5-10 (1) Windsor Lake, Fairmount Cemetery, Aurora (MS); 5-20 (1) Mock Ranch, Limon (RS); 5-27 & 5-28 (1) Pawnee National Grassland (BJ)
 Curve-billed Thrasher 5-26 (nest with 4 eggs) east of Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (RA)
 Wood Thrush 5-20 (1) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DW, JW)
 Veery 5-13 (1) Waterton (DW, JW); 5-20 (2) Barr Lake State Park (BL)
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-9 (4) Red Rocks Park (BL)
 Cedar Waxwing 5-15 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County (RS); 5-21 (1 banded) Aurora (MS); 5-25 (10) Cherry Creek Reservoir (DW, JW)
 Bell's Vireo 5-27 (6) Tamarack Ranch, Crook (BL)
 Warbling Vireo 5-11 (1) Waterton (HH)
 Black-and-white Warbler 5-20 (1 male) Clear Creek, Jefferson Co. (DW, JW); 5-20 (1) Barr Lake State Park (BL)
 Golden-winged Warbler 5-3 (1 female) CU Campus, Boulder (RA)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER 5-20 (1) Chasteen Grove, Loveland (HH)
Tennessee Warbler 5-7 (1) Red Rocks Park (HH); 5-20 (1) Bear Canyon (RA)
Orange-crowned Warbler 5-9 (1) Red Rocks Park (RS)
Nashville Warbler 5-15 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (MS)
Northern Parula Warbler 5-21 (1 male) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (RA)
Townsend's Warbler 5-3 (5) CU Campus, Boulder (RA)
Black-throated Green Warbler 5-13 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (HH)
HERMIT WARBLER 5-7 through 5-9 (pair) Red Rocks Park (many observers)
Blackburnian Warbler 5-18 (1 male) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (BB)
YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER 5-11 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt (ME)
Chestnut-sided Warbler 5-13 (1) Brighton (HH); 5-20 (1) Chasteen Grove, Loveland (HH);
 5-20 (1 female) CU Campus, Boulder (RA); 5-29 (1) near Sterling (RA)
Bay-breasted Warbler 5-13 (1) Red Rocks Park (RS); 5-20 (2 females) Bear Canyon (RA);
 5-20 (1 male) Clear Creek, Jefferson Co. (DW, JW)
Ovenbird 5-30 (1) Sterling (RA)
Northern Waterthrush 5-11 (1) Bear Creek Park (BB)
MOURNING WARBLER 5-20 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park-"separated from nearby MacGillivray's
 Warblers by larger amount of black on throat, lack of eye-ring and actions" (BP, IP)
MacGillivray's Warbler 5-24 (1) Green Mountain-"aberrant warbler; absolutely no eye-
 ring; mindful of the discussion at DFO meeting the night before, Bob Buttery and I
 were not confident to call it other than MacGillivray's without an eye-ring" (ME)
Yellow-breasted Chat 5-12 (1) Waterton (HH)
Hooded Warbler 5-20 (1 female) Clear Creek Greenbelt (DW, JW)
American Redstart 5-11 (1 male) 1070 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC)
Bobolink 5-11 (1 male) Chatfield State Park (BP, IP); 5-13 (pair) Chatfield State Park
 (IP)
Eastern Meadowlark 5-28 (2) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (BL)
Yellow-headed Blackbird 5-5 (74) backyard, 10245 West Layton Drive (BE)
Orchard Oriole 5-23 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC)
Northern Cardinal 5-21 (1) 1400 Monaco (NH)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-14 (1) Chatfield State Park (HK); 5-25 (1 male) Cherry Creek
 Reservoir (DW, JW); 5-29 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (JRo)
Blue Grosbeak 5-14 (2) Chatfield State Park (HK)
Dickcissel 5-29 (4) Sedgwick (RA)
Black Rosy Finch 5-10 (1) Loveland Pass (HH)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 5-10 (30) Loveland Pass (HH)
Grasshopper Sparrow 5-1 (2) Tamarack Ranch, Crook (JJC)
Baird's Sparrow 5-7 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (HH); 5-20 (10) Latham Reservoir, Weld
 Co. (JJC)
Field Sparrow 5-18 (3) along Road 49, Pawnee National Grassland (BB)
Harris' Sparrow 5-19 (1) Loveland (HH)
Fox Sparrow 5-20 (1) Bear Creek Park (BB)

CORRECTIONS (Lark Bunting, 13:8): Delete Northern Pygmy Owl 4-22 (1) Waterton (HK).
 Change Orchard Oriole 4-29 (1) Barr Lake State Park
 (RA) to Northern Oriole - "Bullock's" race.

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 - 15, Saturday. Middle Boulder Creek. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. * *maggie 321-7649*
 - 16, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
 - 22, Saturday. Echo Lake and Mount Evans. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. (chance of Brown-capped Rosy Finch, Gray Jay and other mountain specialties). *
 - 23, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
 - 29, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at Visitors Center at East entrance at 8:30 A.M. (Williamson's Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Brown-capped Rosy Finch plus other mountain birds). *
 - 30, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8419). Meet at Crossroads Shopping Center (Boulder) south of King Soopers at 8:00 A.M. *

SPECIAL FIELD TRIP! ! ! Wednesday, June 28, 1978

For nesting birds in Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Warner Reeser (1-586-3010). Meet at 9:00 A.M. at Estes Park's new public parking lot on north side of Main Street beyond 1st traffic light. *

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JUNE 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JUNE 3, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch (KNCL). Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick. Observers: Merle Barbour, Millie and Dick Dawson, Barbara Jubrias, Mark Ludlow, Cicely Mellor, Roland Olderog, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Singer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, June Williamson. (Cloudy; cool). 42 miles, 6 hours. (46 species)
- 4, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leader: Jo Trainor. Observers: John Esher, Al Koewing, Floyd Pendell, Jo Ann Pettinicchio, Ted Trainor. (Heavy clouds, rain; 44-50°). 3½ hours. (44 species)
- 10, Saturday. Gateway Nature Center, La Porte to Chasteen Grove (LAPRT). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Karen Gale (Fort Collins), Mary Jane Schock, Arnold Silverman, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp. (Fair; light breeze; 65°-90°). 212 miles, 7½ hours. (42 species)
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 12, Monday. Baca County: Cottonwood and Carrizo Canyons (BACA). Observers: Bill and Linda Lybarger. (37 species)
- 17, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek, lakes of the area, Willow Springs Ranch, Morrison Picnic area (LBCRK). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Arthur and Caroline Beck, Dorothy Bailey, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; slight breeze; warm). 33 miles, 7 hours. (38 species)
- 18, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park and Mile High Duck Club (BARR). Leader: Joe Roller. Observers: Arnie and David Silverman, Brian Mann, Warren Finch, Jo Ann Pettinicchio, Lori Chappell, Al Koewing, Karen Felmler, Marc Sordolsky, Phoebe Trimmer, Edie Trimmer, Christine Bonney. (Sunny; Wind, S, 0-10 MPH; 55°-83°). 76 miles, 6 hours. (61 species)
- 24, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Denorah and Joe Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Al Koewing, Roland Olderog, Bob Righter, Helen Stiles, Art Wainwright, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; 69°-92°). 7 hours. (48 species)
- 25, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Arnie and Bonnie Silverman. (Clear; Wind, W, 5-15 MPH; 75°-90°). 6 hours. (53 species).
- 26-28, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Barr Lake State Park area-wide census (BARR). Observer: Robert Andrews. (59 species)
- 28, Thursday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Merle Barbour, David Bray, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Reeser, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly sunny; warm). 19 miles, 5½ hours. (43 species)

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Eared Grebe										3
Western Grebe		11	5			16	12	20	62	
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1			1			2	
American White Pelican							40		3	
Double-crested Cormorant						96	1		190	
Great Blue Heron			9		2	22	55	7	70	
Black-crowned Night Heron						2			100	
American Bittern									1	
Canada Goose		5	20		18	58	14	60	300	
Mallard	5	12	4		32	28	12	4	100	
Gadwall		37				8	5		5	
Common Pintail						8		2 im	25	
Green-winged Teal		1				2			1	
Blue-winged Teal		2	2		2	8			17	
Cinnamon Teal					1	5		3 ma	2	
Northern Shoveler						12			1	
Wood Duck							1 fe		1	
Redhead						12	30			
Canvasback						1				
Lesser Scaup						2				
Ruddy Duck					2				3	
Turkey Vulture				6						
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1					
Red-tailed Hawk									1	1
Swainson's Hawk				2		3			4	
Golden Eagle	4									
Northern Harrier		1				3				
Osprey			1							
Prairie Falcon	2									
American Kestrel	1	3	2	1	1	4	1	2	8	
Common Bobwhite								1		
Scaled Quail				1						
Ring-necked Pheasant		2							2	
Wild Turkey				1						
Virginia Rail		1					1			
Sora		2								
American Coot		9	6			22	2	6	120	
American Avocet		5				45		4		
Killdeer		3	3	4	4	53	1	10	24	
Marbled Godwit									5	
Solitary Sandpiper									2	
Spotted Sandpiper		13	2			3	1		3	
Wilson's Phalarope						2		10		
Common Snipe								8	2	3
Sanderling		36-?								
California Gull									1	
Ring-billed Gull		17			3	15	50	4		
Franklin's Gull		2				1	1			
Common Tern						3				
Black Tern		3								
Band-tailed Pigeon								200		
Rock Dove	20			12	11	43		60		
Mourning Dove	6	3	6	14	12	68	1	35	31	
Great Horned Owl						3	2		1	
Burrowing Owl	2			1		5				
Long-eared Owl		3								
Common Nighthawk		2								
White-throated Swift			5							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1		1		1			5		5
Belted Kingfisher			1				2			
Common Flicker										
"Yellow-shafted" race			1	4						
"Red-shafted" race	5	2	1	4	2	6	4	3	6	10
Red-headed Woodpecker				1		1				*2

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Lewis' Woodpecker				7				2		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker										*4
Williamson's Sapsucker										*1
Hairy Woodpecker										1
Downy Woodpecker			3				3		9	*2
Eastern Kingbird	1		5			18	4		19	
Western Kingbird	1	3		15	1	36	1	4	17	
Eastern Phoebe				1						
Say's Phoebe				2						
Hammond's Flycatcher										1
Dusky Flycatcher										1
Western Pewee	3	1	4	4	1		3	8	3	*1
Horned Lark	4	2		36		8	4		2	
Violet-green Swallow	7									*9
Tree Swallow		3							2	*22
Bank Swallow					4					
Rough-winged Swallow			7				3			
Barn Swallow	14	1			4	8	8	25	14	
Cliff Swallow	3	75		95	25	5	20	50		
Blue Jay			3					1		
Steller's Jay	1							7		2
Scrub Jay	2				1					
Black-billed Magpie	16	4	8	6	11	106	12	15	87	5
Northern Raven										3
White-necked Raven				2						
American Crow	2					2		2		2
Black-capped Chickadee	1		3			5	2		19	
Mountain Chickadee								3		*5
White-breasted Nuthatch								2		*2
Red-breasted Nuthatch										1
Pygmy Nuthatch								1		*3
North American Dipper			1							
House Wren		1	8		4	6	4	16	36	*7
Bewick's Wren				3						
Canyon Wren	1			1						
Rock Wren	1	1								
Northern Mockingbird				9						
Gray Catbird			1					1		
Brown Thrasher							1			
Curve-billed Thrasher				1						
American Robin	8	1	4	3	4	18	2	4	30	17
Hermit Thrush						1-?				27
Western Bluebird	1									*2
Mountain Bluebird										*3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										10
Loggerhead Shrike				1		1				
European Starling	15	5	3	16	31	47	5	75	300	
Solitary Vireo			2					8		
Red-eyed Vireo			1							
Warbling Vireo	2						1	2	1	*4
Virginia's Warbler	1							10		
Yellow Warbler	2		12	8	7	19	1	7	5	13
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race										4
MacGillivray's Warbler										1
Common Yellowthroat		7				3	5		20	
Yellow-breasted Chat					1		2	2		
Wilson's Warbler										3
House Sparrow	14		9	22	12	2	41		27	
Bobolink								3		
Western Meadowlark	19	8	4	18		8	76	5	80	22
Yellow-headed Blackbird			12		4	112		5	150	
Red-winged Blackbird	4	25	1	6	24	56	6	300	150	1
Orchard Oriole									1	
Northern Oriole										
"Bullock's" race	2			3	3	6	32	12	2	80
Brewer's Blackbird	12	5			12		3	10		2
Common Grackle		2	4	12	12	12	8	9	100	
Brown-headed Cowbird	13		2	1	2	1	2	3	7	4

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Western Tanager	2					2		5		2
Black-headed Grosbeak		2	1			2		10	2	
Blue Grosbeak				2					6	
Indigo Bunting	2								1	
Lazuli Bunting	3						4			
Evening Grosbeak										1
Cassin's Finch										1
House Finch	10	30			4	2		5		1
Pine Grosbeak										1
Pine Siskin	1									3
American Goldfinch			1				4			
Lesser Goldfinch	2		2		6			20		
Green-tailed Towhee	1						1			1
Rufous-sided Towhee	9		1		8		4	8		
Brown Towhee				4						
Lark Bunting				5						
Vesper Sparrow	4	1				1		1		
Lark Sparrow	1			8		1			2	
Cassin's Sparrow				12						
Gray-headed Junco										*4
Chipping Sparrow								4		
White-crowned Sparrow	12									1
Song Sparrow		3			5		10			1
TOTAL SPECIES-152	46	44	42	37	38	61	48	53	59	43

*Indicates at least one nest located

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1978 REPORTS:

Common Loon 6-2 (1, breeding plumage) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder (JJC); 6-12 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

American White Pelican 6-3, 6-4, 6-10 (100+) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ, JJ)

OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT 6-15 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Great Egret 6-3 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (BK)

Snowy Egret 6-3 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (BK); 6-25 (3) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Yellow-crowned Night Heron 6-21 (1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

White-faced Ibis 6-16 (1) intermittent pond, Tower Road at 104th Ave., Adams Co. (JJC)

Wood Duck "several all month; family of 11 on 6-21", Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Hooded Merganser 6-3 (1 female) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (BK)

Common Merganser 6-4 (1 female) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (HH)

Northern Goshawk 6-21 (2) Genesee Mountain Park (JJC)

Long-billed Curlew 6-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

Upland Sandpiper 6-18 (1) Red Lion, Logan Co. (FP)

Lesser Yellowlegs 6-20 (2) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Wilson's Phalarope 6-20 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

LAUGHING GULL 6-4 (2) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (HH)

Common Tern 6-1, 6-3 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (BK); 6-11 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

CASPIAN TERN 6-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

Black-billed Cuckoo 6-18 (1) Red Lion, Logan Co. (FP)

Common Screech Owl 6-4 "A total of nine Screech Owls were observed, six at Varsity Lake, C.U. campus and three at Sawhill Ponds east of Boulder. Weather was cloudy and light rain prevailed. The first group included two adults and four young. The young had down and they were barely able to fly. They preferred hopping around a lot. We observed them for half an hour and we were able to photograph the whole family at five feet. All the owls were unconcerned of our presence, in fact, several of them slept during the photographs. We moved back and eventually all members of the family made their way back to their nesting cavity. Once every minute or so, one of the adults gave a subdued descending "screech" but none of the birds were in any way hostile toward us. The second group was located in the tallest tree in the southwest corner of Sawhill Ponds in Boulder. We observed two adults and one young. As we approached, one of the adults tried to distract us by flying to another tree as the other parent stayed close to the young. This is probably the best time of the year to see Screech Owls during the day because, I presume, that the young are learning to fly and to hunt. Screech Owls are not that hard to find, but it does take a long time to 'scour' tree 'vees'. People might like to know that Screech Owls do not only come out at night". (LS, JS)

Long-eared Owl 6-14 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Chimney Swift 6-5 (2) Wheatridge (PE)

White-throated Swift 6-19 (1) Pawnee Buttes, Weld Co. (HH)

Hammond's Flycatcher 6-4 through 6-6 (1) Green Mountain, Jefferson Co. (ME)

Olive-sided Flycatcher 6-4 (2) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

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Clark's Nutcracker 6-4 (8) at 6400' west of Golden (PE)
Brown Thrasher 6-12 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Sage Thrasher 6-25 (nest with four eggs) Pawnee National Grassland (HH)
Swainson's Thrush 5-29 through 6-3 (1) Green Mountain, Jefferson Co. (ME); 6-4 (20),
6-12 ("last one") Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Veery 6-4 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Eastern Bluebird 6-5 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 6-20 (1) Jumbo Reservoir,
Sedgwick Co. (FP)
Solitary Vireo ("Plumbeous" race) 6-5 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
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Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Audubon's" race) 6-4 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
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Northern Waterthrush 6-5 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
MacGillivray's Warbler 6-2 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
Wilson's Warbler 6-8 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
American Redstart 6-3 through 6-5 (1 female) Wheatridge (PE)
Bobolink 6-3 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (BK); 6-19 (6) Baseline Road, Boulder (BK);
6-18 (1) Red Lion, Logan Co. (FP)
Orchard Oriole 6-16 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (JJC)
Western Tanager 6-8 (2 males) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Black-headed Grosbeak "Pair that arrived at 1041 Field Street, Lakewood, about the
middle of May built a nest near the outer end of limb about 15 feet up an apple tree
in the back yard. Female and male observed incubating alternately June 9 through
June 15. By June 17 some predator (possibly Blue Jay or Common Grackle) had evidently
destroyed the eggs as the Grosbeaks had abandoned the nest and we found Grosbeak egg-
shell fragments on the ground below. By the end of June the male (or another) was
declaring territory in this neighborhood and we are hoping for better success this
time". (JJC)
Blue Grosbeak 6-13 (1 female, 2 males) Ken Caryl Ranch (JJC)
Indigo Bunting 6-20 on (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Pine Siskin 6-15 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Rufous-sided Towhee ("Spotted" race) 6-13 and 6-20 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
White-crowned Sparrow 6-5 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Lincoln's Sparrow 6-4 (2) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

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- 13, Sunday.** NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 19, Saturday.** Pueblo area. Leader: Dave Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet at the Ramada Inn parking lot at 7:30 A.M. in Pueblo. * (An excellent chance to see some of the southern Colorado specialties - Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Curve-billed Thrasher, Brown Towhee, Black-necked Stilt, Snowy Plover, Scaled Quail are all possible. Even chance for a Roadrunner).
- 20, Sunday.** Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8419). Meet at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers) at 8:00 A.M. in Boulder. * (Not too early to catch a few southbound passerines).
- 26, Saturday.** Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center southwest of May D&F at 7:00 A.M. * (Fall migration of both water and land birds should be picking up. Good chance for most anything).
- 27, Sunday.** Evergreen area. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at the Public Service Company parking lot at 8:00 A.M. in Evergreen *
- * BRING LUNCH
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NOTICE! ! ! An opportunity to visit the Peregrine Falcon breeding barns at Colorado State University. BY RESERVATION ONLY. If interested, call Margo Chadwick for details (355-6829).

Submitted by Ray Olson, Field Trip Chairman (424-6823)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26, 1978

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JULY 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JULY
- 1, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes near Bailey, Wakeland Lakes (BURL). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Dick and Millie Dawson, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Righter, Robert and Shirley Spencer. (Fair; Wind; calm; 70°-80°). 69 miles, 5½ hours. (26 species)
 - 2, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Latham Reservoir, Crow Valley Park at Briggsdale, Pawnee National Grasslands, Nunn, Greeley and Prospect Reservoir (NCCO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Frank and Jan Justice, Dieter Kamm, Al Koewing, David Pantle. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 15-25 MPH; 63°-96°). 269 miles, 12 hours. (79 species)
 - 8, Saturday. South Park: Michigan Creek, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch (SOPK). Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Merle Barbour, Ruth Bull (Idaho), John and Joyce Cooper, Don Cunningham (Texas), Fern Hack, Nancy Hurley, Al Koewing, Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Warm; windy in P.M.). 29 miles, 8 hours. (44 species)
 - 9, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
 - 15, Saturday. Pinecliffe, Coal Creek Canyon, Eldora, Middle Boulder Creek (ELDR). Leaders: Sadie Morrison and Gail Shickley. Observers: Muriel Bailey, Christine Bonney, Bill and Olive Burch (Buffalo, New York), Ward and Margo Chadwick, Margaret Denny, Sarah Greenwood, Orpha M. Griffith (Prairie Village, Kansas) Hazel Kellogg. (Sunny in A.M., cloudy in P.M.; warm). 91 miles, 8 hours. (26 species)
 - 16, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. TRIP CANCELLED.
 - 22, Saturday. Echo Lake and Mount Evans (EVAN). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Merle Barbour, Vi and Henry Bossman, Hazel Kellogg, Jeff Offerman, Arnie Silverman, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (35 species)
 - 23, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
 - 24,25,27, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Barr Lake State Park area-wide census (BARR). Observer: Robert Andrews. (Sunny; high 90°s). (71 species)
 - 29, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Joe and M.J. Cleary, Shirley Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy; rain in P.M.). 63 miles, 7 hours. (27 species)
 - 30, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Dieter Kamm. (Clear; Wind, calm; 65°-80°). 6 hours. (54 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

JULY AREA HABITAT	1 BURL MTNS	2 NCCO PLNS	8 SOPK MTNS	15 ELDR MTNS	22 EVAN MTNS	24to27 BARR PLAINS	29 RMNP MTNS	30 BLDR PLFH
Eared Grebe		4				2		
Western Grebe		40				75		20
Pied-billed Grebe						7		2
American White Pelican		25				175		
Double-crested Cormorant		1				100		3
Great Blue Heron		1				100		5
Cattle Egret		1						
Snowy Egret		1						
Black-crowned Night Heron		4				20		
White-faced Ibis		4						
Canada Goose		20				30		50
Mallard		20	1			250	5	5
Gadwall		2						
Common Pintail		18				35		2
Green-winged Teal		4						
Blue-winged Teal		30						
"Blue-winged" teal sp.						125		
Cinnamon Teal		2						1 ma
American Wigeon						1		
Northern Shoveler						2		
Wood Duck						8		
Redhead						15		
Lesser Scaup		1 ma						
Ruddy Duck		1 fe						1
Turkey Vulture	1				1			1
Red-tailed Hawk	1			1				
Swainson's Hawk		1				5		
Northern Harrier		1						
American Kestrel		14				8		4
Ring-necked Pheasant						2		
Virginia Rail		5						
Sora		1						
American Coot		2				150		10
American Avocet		44				40		
Killdeer		200	1			150		10
Mountain Plover		47						
Mottled Godwit		1						
Long-billed Curlew		1						
Greater Yellowlegs		1						
Lesser Yellowlegs		56				100		6
Solitary Sandpiper						3		
Willet		1						
Spotted Sandpiper			1		1	12		4
Wilson's Phalarope		25	1			5		
Northern Phalarope						1		
Common Snipe		5	1				1	
Long-billed Dowitcher		1				20		
Western Sandpiper		8				5		
"Semi/Western" Sandpiper sp.						30		
Least Sandpiper		3				20		
Baird's Sandpiper						225		
California Gull						100		
Ring-billed Gull		7				6		20
Franklin's Gull						35		400
Black Tern		3				25		
Band-tailed Pigeon	10							
Rock Dove		21				23		20
Mourning Dove		250			2	40		40
Great Horned Owl		1						
Burrowing Owl		28						
Common Nighthawk		4						
Chimney Swift		2						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	7		*6	16	8	1	2	8
Rufous Hummingbird			2	8	3			2

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Calliope Hummingbird						2		
Belted Kingfisher						1		
Common Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race	9	4	*3		3	23	2	8
Red-headed Woodpecker		2				2		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				*2			2	
"Red-naped" race			*5					
Williamson's Sapsucker					1		2	
Hairy Woodpecker							5	
Downy Woodpecker						9		1
"Batchelder's" race			*1					
No. Three-toed Woodpecker			2					
Eastern Kingbird		6				45		
Western Kingbird		25				19		1
Say's Phoebe		7						
Dusky Flycatcher			*1					
Western Flycatcher	1							
Western Pewee			*2			1	11	4
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2		1	1				
Horned Lark		700	2			1	1	3
Violet-green Swallow	6		*6	1		1	2	10
Tree Swallow	2		*25	4	1		36	
Rough-winged Swallow		1						
Barn Swallow	1	80				45		20
Cliff Swallow	50	8	*20					2
Gray Jay			4		5			
Blue Jay		2						
Steller's Jay	4			2	3		1	4
Black-billed Magpie	3	5	*3			56	3	10
Northern Raven	1			1	1		1	
American Crow		2			4			5
Clark's Nutcracker				1	2		3	
Black-capped Chickadee				1		13		
Mountain Chickadee	4		*1		15		5	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1					
Pygmy Nuthatch					40			
North American Dipper				2				
House Wren	6		*3	10	3	40	6	
Canyon Wren								2
Brown Thrasher		1						
American Robin	8	18	*16	12	6	26	10	40
Hermit Thrush			2	3	3			
Western Bluebird					1			
Mountain Bluebird	9		*14	1	2		7	
Townsend's Solitaire	1				1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3		10	2	5			
Water Pipit					3		20	
Loggerhead Shrike		6						
European Starling		150	*8			260		60
Warbling Vireo	2		*3			1		4
Virginia's Warbler								2
Yellow Warbler		1	2	3		5		4
Yellow-rumped Warbler								
"Audubon's" race	3		*3	2	3			
MacGillivray's Warbler				6				
Common Yellowthroat		7				17		3
Wilson's Warbler			2		4			
House Sparrow		300			1	50		25
Western Meadowlark		125	2			12		6
Yellow-headed Blackbird		600				20		6
Red-winged Blackbird	9	35	5			200		30
Orchard Oriole						1		
Northern Oriole								
"Bullock's" race		9				110		
Brewer's Blackbird	1	15	10				2	5
Common Grackle		125				100		1
Brown-headed Cowbird		3	8					
Western Tanager					1			
Black-headed Grosbeak					1		8	5
Blue Grosbeak						3		4

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Lazuli Bunting								1
Evening Grosbeak	2			1				
Cassin's Finch			*8	2			1	
House Finch		15				3		15
Pine Grosbeak			3					
Brown-capped Rosy Finch					1			
Pine Siskin			*15	4	3	1	2	
American Goldfinch						1		
Lesser Goldfinch								10
Red Crossbill				1			2	
Rufous-sided Towhee								7
Lark Bunting		550				1		
Savannah Sparrow		8	*12					
Vesper Sparrow		1	1		1		2	1
Lark Sparrow		*11				11		
Gray-headed Junco			4		1			
Chipping Sparrow	4			2	2	80		5
Brewer's Sparrow		6						
White-crowned Sparrow			4	1	4			
Lincoln's Sparrow			2		3			
Song Sparrow						2	2	
McCown's Longspur		35						
Chestnut-collared Longspur		1 ma						
TOTAL SPECIES-151	26	79	44	26	35	71	27	54

* Indicates at least one nest found

ADDITIONAL JULY 1978 REPORTS:

Common Loon 7-22 (2, breeding plumage) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 7-23 (2, breeding plumage) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)

Great Blue Heron 67 nests in Chatfield State Park rookery, up from 42 a year ago (HK)

Wood Duck 7-22 (1 female) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 7-23 (1 female with two young) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)

Turkey Vulture 7-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

Sharp-shinned Hawk 7-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Semipalmated Plover 7-22 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Marbled Godwit 7-15 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

Greater Yellowlegs 7-6 (5) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Lesser Yellowlegs 7-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Willet 7-3 (20) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP); 7-8 (4) and 7-23 (3) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Baird's Sandpiper 7-22 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

CASPIAN TERN 7-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

Black-billed Cuckoo 7-8 (1) Heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Flammulated Screech Owl 7-9 (2 adults feeding young at nest hole at Carson Hole, Uncompahgre National Forest, Mesa County (BW)

BOREAL OWL 7-15 (1 adult) Deadman Lookout area, Larimer County (BW)

Saw-whet Owl 7-21 (1 juvenal) west summit of Rabbit Ears Pass, Routt County (BW)

Rufous Hummingbird 7-22 (33) along three miles of road, Rabbit Ears Pass, Routt County (BW)

Calliope Hummingbird 7-22 (1 male) Meadows Campground, Routt National Forest, Routt County (BW); 7-22 (1) heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 7-24 (1 male) and 7-27 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park-see census under monthly summary of Field Trips (RA); 7-28 (2 males) Deckers (RA)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ("Red-naped" race) 7-15 (adult flycatching and feeding young in nest hole in aspen tree) Kenosha Pass Campground (DS1, ES1)

Great Crested Flycatcher 7-1 (1) heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Eastern Phoebe 7-23 (1) Chatfield State Park (JJC)

Olive-sided Flycatcher 7-22 (2 adults feeding young) Meadows Campground, Routt National Forest, Routt County (BW)

Tree Swallow 7-22 (pair with nest) heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Orange-crowned Warbler 7-22 (2 adults, 2 young) Meadows Campground, Routt National Forest, Routt County (BW)

Grace's Warbler 7-16 (1 male) Rye, Pueblo County (CG, DG, DS) and again on 7-17 and 7-21 (DS)

Western Tanager 7-6 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7-14 (1 male) 1061 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC); 7-22 (1) heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 7-31 (1 male) at feeder, along Turkey Creek near Tiny Town (PF)

Black-headed Grosbeak all month; "both male and female observed at intervals near 1041 Field Street, Lakewood, but no proof of re-nesting found" (JJC)
Blue Grosbeak 7-22 (1 pair) Chatfield State Park (HK)
Indigo Bunting one pair all month; nesting; Barr Lake State Park (RA); 7-22 (1) heron rookery, Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
Pine Grosbeak 7-22 (5) Meadows Campground, Routt National Forest, Routt County (BW)
Chipping Sparrow 7-14 (3) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1978 REPORT:

White-winged Crossbill 6-17 (6) Stapleton Drive Park (HK)

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CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS PLEASE NOTE: The Editor welcomes individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports deemed as unusual and/or as augmenting the reports furnished by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Individual reports must include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen (sex or plumage if possible) and specific location in order to be considered for inclusion in the Lark Bunting.

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2. Submit a list of all observers participating in the Field Trip in alphabetical order.
3. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the Summary of Field Trips and additional observations.
4. Please notify the Editor if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1978

SEPTEMBER

- 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday (overnight optional). Guanella Pass and Burning Bear Campground. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet leader on Saturday at Chaseville Campground, 11 miles west of Bailey at 9:00 A.M. * (Sapsuckers, Flycatchers, mountain birds)
- 9, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir and Louviers. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. * (Migrating shorebirds, Lewis' Woodpecker, possibly Band-tailed Pigeon)
- 10, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 16, Saturday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT.
- BARR LAKE STATE PARK - Leader: Robert Andrews (756-5553). Meet at sunrise; long walk around Barr Lake *
- BANNER LAKES - Leader to be announced. Call Robert Spencer (279-4682) for details.
- PROSPECT RESERVOIR - Leader: Paul Julian (499-9107). Call leader for details.
- HORSECREEK RESERVOIR - Leader to be announced. Call Robert Spencer (279-4682) for details.
- 17, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner) at 6:30 A.M. * (Fall warblers, land and water migrants)
- 23, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch. Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick (355-6829). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (carpool) (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leaders at Information Center at Ranch House at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day-lunch suggested. (Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagle, other hawks)
- 24, Sunday. Mt. Falcon and O'Fallon Park. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at Bear Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. * (Nuthatches, Creeper, Kinglets, Jays, Blue Grouse)
- 30, Golden Gate State Park and White Ranch. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. * (Prairie Falcon, Hawks, fall warblers)

OCTOBER

- 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. and meet leader at west gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:30 A.M. * (Shorebirds, Ducks, Hawks, late Warblers)

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Submitted by Robert Spencer, Field Trip Chairman (279-4682)

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- 26, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Dick Franz, Cicely Mellor, Jack Reddall, Bob and Ginnie Schlageter, Arnold Silverman, Robert Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 60°-85°). 7½ hours. (70 species)
- 27, Sunday. Evergreen area (EVER). Leader: Winston Wm. Brockner. Observers: Sylvia B. Brockner, M. J. Cleary, Joe Cleary. (Cloudy; 45°-78°). 6 hours. (35 species)
- 27 to 29, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Observer: Robert Andrews. (Area-wide census). (Sunny; Wind, calm; warm). (97 species)

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ports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	5 BELT PLNS	6 CCKR PLNS	12 BARR PLNS	19 PUEB PLNS	26 CHAT PLNS	27 EVER MTNS	27to29 BARR PLAINS
Common Loon					2		
Eared Grebe				4			
Western Grebe		3	2	32	21		40
Pied-billed Grebe	6				8		
American White Pelican				1	25		40
Double-crested Cormorant			15		60		7
Great Blue Heron		9	4	27	20		22
Black-crowned Night Heron	2						3
American Bittern		1					
White-faced Ibis				8			
Canada Goose	8	7			14		110
Mallard	14	25	4	16	50	6	110
Gadwall				3	2		5
Common Pintail				201	6		65
Green-winged Teal				21	30		600
Blue-winged Teal				105	60		
Cinnamon Teal				2			
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.							85
American Wigeon				12	30		15
Northern Shoveler					5		250
Wood Duck					7		
Redhead				1	50		
Ruddy Duck							37
Hooded Merganser					3 fe		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1						
Red-tailed Hawk				3			1
Swainson's Hawk			1	5			2
Northern Harrier			1	3	2		1
Prairie Falcon							1
American Kestrel		1		32	1		6
Common Bobwhite				1			
Scaled Quail				8			
Ring-necked Pheasant			1				1
Virginia Rail		2			5		
Sora					3		
American Coot	2		3	9	3		50
American Avocet				27			50
Semipalmated Plover							1
Killdeer	2	15	25	29	23	1	100
Snowy Plover				22			
Marbled Godwit					2		
Greater Yellowlegs			2	7			2
Lesser Yellowlegs				1	18		6
Solitary Sandpiper					1		3
Willet			1		1		
Spotted Sandpiper	1				3	2	5
Wilson's Phalarope				118	4		1
Northern Phalarope							1
Long-billed Dowitcher							3
Semipalmated Sandpiper					2		
Semipalmated/Western Spip. sp.							80
Western Sandpiper				4	10		
Least Sandpiper				2	12		15
Baird's Sandpiper		5		26			140
Pectoral Sandpiper		2					4
Stilt Sandpiper					1		20
California Gull	1	79			6		55
Ring-billed Gull	9	75	4	17	20	1	125
Franklin's Gull				1380			75
Bonaparte's Gull				3			
Forster's Tern				6			1
Common Tern							3
Black Tern		1	1	29			12
Rock Dove	10	15	18	48	6		
Mourning Dove	10	16	58	213	9	1	110
Great Horned Owl				1			
Burrowing Owl		4	12				
Common Nighthawk				16			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1		3			7	1
Rufous Hummingbird						1	
Belted Kingfisher	6				1	1	1

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	5 BELT PLNS	6 CCKR PLNS	12 BARR PLNS	19 PUEB PLNS	26 CHAT PLNS	27 EVER MTNS	27to29 BARR PLAINS
Common Flicker				1	2		
"Red-shafted" race	14	4				6	20
Red-headed Woodpecker				7			6
Hairy Woodpecker						1	
"Rocky Mountain" race							1
eastern races							2
Downy Woodpecker	1			2	1		10
Eastern Kingbird		2	2	2	4		8
Western Kingbird		1	21	76	12	1	10
Least Flycatcher							1
Empidonax sp.							11
Western Flycatcher							1
Western Pewee		7				1	33
Olive-sided Flycatcher		12-?					1
Horned Lark		14	11	34	25		
Violet-green Swallow						40	
Tree Swallow						6	
Bank Swallow	6						
Rough-winged Swallow	3		1		1		2
Barn Swallow	9	3	33	63	10		50
Cliff Swallow		25		2	30		
Blue Jay	1						
Steller's Jay						9	
Black-billed Magpie	20	10	2	33	9	2	62
Northern Raven						2	
Black-capped Chickadee	1	6	7	1	2	1	53
Mountain Chickadee						4	
White-breasted Nuthatch						1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch							4
House Wren				1	13	1	45
Rock Wren					1		
Northern Mockingbird				4			
Brown Thrasher				2			
Curve-billed Thrasher				2			
Sage Thrasher				3			
American Robin	7	5	1	6	2	10	4
Loggerhead Shrike			1	15	1		3
European Starling	26	1	11	121	26		100
Red-eyed Vireo							5
Warbling Vireo							3
Black-and-white Warbler							1
Orange-crowned Warbler							3
Virginia's Warbler					1		1
Yellow Warbler	1	4		1	5	1	45
Yellow-rumped Warbler							
"Audubon's" race						19	
Townsend's Warbler							2
Ovenbird							1
MacGillivray's Warbler							2
Common Yellowthroat		12		1	10		15
Wilson's Warbler	1				1	1	35
American Redstart							2
House Sparrow	25	1	134	206		4	55
Western Meadowlark		2	3	47	4		15
Yellow-headed Blackbird				36		12	500
Red-winged Blackbird	4	24	2	52	12		100
Northern Oriole							
"Bullock's" race	5	2		1			8
Brewer's Blackbird						6	
Common Grackle	3	14		27	1		1
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1		4		1	
Western Tanager					1		1
Black-headed Grosbeak							2
Blue Grosbeak				6			2
Indigo Bunting							3
Lazuli Bunting					2		
Evening Grosbeak						4	
House Finch	59	150		22	2		1
Pine Siskin						18	
American Goldfinch		12			12	4	1

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AUGUST AREA HABITAT	5 BELT PLNS	6 CCKR PLNS	12 BARR PLNS	19 PUEB PLNS	26 CHAT PLNS	27 EVER MTNS	27to29 BARR PLAINS
Green-tailed Towhee					1	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee		1			4		13
Lark Bunting			73	71			1
Savannah Sparrow		1			12		
Vesper Sparrow				1			
Lark Sparrow				43			22
Gray-headed Junco						1	
Chipping Sparrow				4	3	12	50
Clay-colored Sparrow							7
Brewer's Sparrow					2		8
Song Sparrow	2	4			9		
Longspur sp.							1
TOTAL SPECIES-145	33	41	31	71	70	35	97

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1978 REPORTS:

Black-crowned Night Heron 8-20 (3) C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo (CG,DG)
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron 8-23 (1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 White-faced Ibis 8-6 (2 adults, 2 immatures) Latham Reservoir, Weld County (HH)
 Wood Duck 8-8 (3) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Sage Grouse 8-15 (10 females and immatures) 7 miles northwest of Parlin, Gunnison County (CH, FH, KH)
 Black-bellied Plover 8-19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP); 8-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (ME)
 Long-billed Curlew 8-17 (5) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Red Knot 8-6 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 8-6 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld County (HH)
 Calliope Hummingbird 8-6 (1 male) Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson County (CM); 8-12 & 8-13 (1) backyard, Green Mountain, Jefferson County (ME)
 Willow Flycatcher 8-23 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Dusky Flycatcher 8-21 (2 adults feeding at least 2 downy young in a nest) Hack Ranch, Jefferson, Park County; "The nest is in the same area as the one seen on the D.F.O. Field Trip on July 8, 1978 which was abandoned. It will be interesting to see if these late nesters successfully fledge young. Seven years of records show the Dusky Flycatcher leaving the 9800 foot level usually before September 1st. Will be much later than that if they fledge. Successfully weathered a 26° night on August 18th."
 (CH, KH)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 8-16 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Rock Wren 8-16 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Gray Catbird 8-23 (1) and 8-31 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Sage Thrasher 8-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Mountain Bluebird 8-6 (1) "on the plains up at Wellington" (HH)
 Red-eyed Vireo 8-24 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Black-and-white Warbler 8-23 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Orange-crowned Warbler 8-24 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Grace's Warbler 8-21 (1) Rye, Pueblo County (DS)
 Northern Waterthrush 8-20 (1) C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo (CG, DG); 8-23 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Wilson's Warbler 8-16 (4) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 American Redstart 8-20 (1 male) Hack Ranch, Jefferson, Park County (KH)
 Western Tanager 8-16 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Hybrid Rose-breastedXBlack-headed Grosbeak 8-11 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (PE)
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1978

- OCTOBER
- 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. and meet leader at west gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:30 A.M. * (Shorebirds, Ducks, Hawks, late Warblers)
 - 7, Saturday. Golden, Clear Creek and East White Ranch. Leaders: Hazel Kellogg (757-2868) and Marguerite Brockmeyer (279-1556). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00. * (Fall Warblers, Kinglets, Nuthatches, Jays, etc.)
 - 8, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Jack Reddall. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. * (Fall migrants)
 - 14, Saturday. Daniels Park, Castlewood area, Twin Creek Ranch. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. * (Jays, Nuthatches, Hawks, Canyon Wren, etc.)
 - 15, Sunday. Means Meadow and Evergreen area. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at Public Service Company parking lot, North Evergreen at 8:30 A.M. * (Red Crossbill, Prairie Falcon plus mountain birds)
 - 21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Red Rocks Park. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner) at 8:00 A.M. * (Ducks, maybe a Scoter, Great Blue Heron, Great Horned Owl)
 - 22, Sunday. BICYCLE and BINOCULARS! Sloan's Lake and Johnson Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). For time and meeting place please call leader. $\frac{1}{2}$ day
 - 28, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner) at

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8:00 A.M. * (Loons, Mergansers, Bufflehead, Hawks, possible Sandhill Crane)

29, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leaders: Nancy Jones and Helen Singer (756-2808). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME! Meet leaders at West Gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:00 A.M. Lunch optional ($\frac{1}{2}$ day) (Good for many species of ducks, Bonaparte's Gull, Loons, possible Snow Goose and White-fronted Goose)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 1978

PROGRAM: "A Speaking Acquaintance with the Birds" with Catherine Hurlbutt

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"A NEW LOOK"

Volume 14, Number 1 of the Lark Bunting ushers in somewhat of a new look in that our Newsletter is no longer being published on legal-size stationery. It was felt that printing on letter-size would facilitate filing and ease of reference. There has been some interest recently to publish a field Check-List of the Birds of Colorado. Your Editor has compiled such a list and a copy is included as part of this month's issue of the Lark Bunting. While space did not allow for a complete listing of all species found or reported from Colorado, all of the common species one might expect to find within our state are listed. Those interested in using this Check-List will have to arrange to reproduce additional copies for their personal use.

SEPTEMBER 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- SEPTEMBER 2, Saturday. Grant to Guanella Pass (GUAN). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Nancy Henke, Shirley Spencer. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; warm). 29 miles. (21 species)
- 3, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 9, Saturday. Louviers and McClelland Reservoir (LOUV). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Merle Barbour, Vi and Henry Bossman, Polly Fields, Warren Finch, Vi Hubka, Jan and Frank Justice, Thompson Marsh, Cecily Mellor, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm: 80's). 7 hours, 40 miles. (41 species)
- 10, Sunday. Sloan's Lake, Maple Grove Reservoir and Red Rocks Park (SL/RR).

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Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Christine Bonney, William and Sylvia Brockner. (Cloudy; Windy; hot). 5 hours, 30 miles. (53 species)

- 16, Saturday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT (no composite summary provided due to the lack of coverage of the Mile High Duck Club and Horsecreek Reservoir which have been covered in previous years as part of the Count). (Sunny; occasional breeze; mid-80's).

PROSPECT RESERVOIR (PROS): Leader: Paul Julian. Observer: Mary Jane Schock. (61 species)

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BARR): Leader: Robert Andrews. Observers: Warren Finch, Matt Moses, Betsy Webb. (83 species)

BANNER LAKES (BANN): Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Christine Bonney, Edie Trimmer, Phoebe Trimmer, Ruth Wheeler. (35 species)

- 17, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice, Hugh Kingery. Observers: Lori Chappell, Bev Engstrom, Polly Field, Fred Hager, Anne Kingery, Urling Kingery, Sandy Westendorf, Dale Wilkins. (Cloudy; mild). 8½ hours. (88 species)

- 23, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch (CARL). Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick. Observers: Merle Barbour, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Edwin and Billie Price (Jonesboro, Arkansas), Mary Jane Schock, James Standing (Evergreen), Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; warm). 4½ hours, 10 miles. (29 species)

- 23, Saturday. Pueblo to Westcliffe and Rye (PUEB). Observers: Carolyn Griffiths, Dave Griffiths, Dave Silverman, Chris Knight. (Sunny; warm). 9 hours, 185 miles. (98 species)

- 24, Sunday. Mount Falcon Park (FLCN). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Doris Anderson, Lori Chappell, Billie Price, Edwin Price, James Standing. (Cloudy; 50°-80°). 5 hours, 36 miles. (18 species)

- 30, Saturday. NO REPORT RECEIVED.

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SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	FALL COUNT										
	2	9	10		16	16	16	17	23	23	24
	GUAN MTNS	LOUV PLNS	SL/RR PL	FH	PROS PLNS	BARR PLNS	BANN PLNS	CHAT PLNS	CARL FOOT	PUEB PLMT	FLCN MTNS
Horned Grebe								9			
Eared Grebe					1	1					
Western Grebe						18				21	
Pied-billed Grebe					2			6		3	
American White Pelican						100		15			
Double-crested Cormorant		2			1	3		58			
Great Blue Heron		4	1		6	8		18		17	
Black-crowned Night Heron					1	1	2				
Canada Goose		91	93			80	70	47		28	
Mallard		24	40		50	1000	8	50		23	
Gadwall					33	5		1		5	
Common Pintail					16	500		4		3	
Green-winged Teal		12	4			500	5	8		3	
Blue-winged Teal								44		2	
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.		3			3	20		300			
American Wigeon			30		15	25		1500			
Northern Shoveler						2000		51		4	

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	2 GUAN MTNS	9 LOUV PLNS	10 SL/RR PL FH		FALL COUNT			17 CHAT PLNS	23 CARL FOOT	23 PUEB PLMT	24 FLCN MTNS
					16 PROS PLNS	16 BARR PLNS	16 BANN PLNS				
Wood Duck								3			
Redhead								33			
Ring-necked Duck								2			
Ruddy Duck			9		26	70		36			
Turkey Vulture										6	
Northern Goshawk	1									1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1	
Cooper's Hawk										1	
Red-tailed Hawk		1	1			1	1			6	
Swainson's Hawk					8	2					
Buteo sp.					1						
Northern Harrier					1	1		2	1	1	
Prairie Falcon								1	1	1	
American Kestrel		2	1		2	6	3	2	7	11	1
Blue Grouse										1	3
Scaled Quail										24	
Ring-necked Pheasant						9	1	2			
Wild Turkey									4		
Virginia Rail								1		1	
Sora			2		1						
American Coot			15		10	20		1200		9	
American Avocet					10	32				18	
Semipalmated Plover						4		1			
Killdeer		15	10		18	135	18	23	8	14	
Black-bellied Plover						2					
Greater Yellowlegs					10			1			
Lesser Yellowlegs		2			6	125		17		2	
Solitary Sandpiper					1						
Willet						1					
Spotted Sandpiper								3			
Wilson's Phalarope						20		8			
Northern Phalarope					8	40				6	
Common Snipe							1	5			
Long-billed Dowitcher					4			6		3	
Sanderling										6	
Semipalmated Sandpiper					8		2	1			
Western Sandpiper										6	
Least Sandpiper					5	5				1	
White-rumped Sandpiper										2	
Baird's Sandpiper		6			26	225	24	11		15	
Pectoral Sandpiper					2	6				14	
Stilt Sandpiper						20		1			
California Gull			10			115		18			
Ring-billed Gull		18	45		13	10		46		13	
Franklin's Gull			16		8	50		4		25	
Forster's Tern			1					1			
Black Tern			3			2					
Rock Dove				10	8		12	60	50	6	
Mourning Dove		18	2	4	49	30	3	136		51	
Common Screech Owl						1					
Great Horned Owl					2	1					
Burrowing Owl									1		
Common Nighthawk		1									
White-throated Swift				8							

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SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	2 GUAN MTNS	3 LOUV PLNS	10		FALL COUNT			17 CHAT PLNS	23 CARL FOOT	23 PUEB PLMT	24 FLCN MTNS
			SL/RR		16	16	16				
			PL	FH	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS				
Chipping Sparrow		8		20	11	15	12	1	2	4	12
Clay-colored Sparrow				2	1						
Brewer's Sparrow				4				2		18	
Spizella sp.								50			
White-crowned Sparrow					2	1		1			
Lincoln's Sparrow	1			1		1		2			
Song Sparrow					16			22		6	
TOTAL SPECIES-171	21	41		53	61	83	35	88	29	98	18

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1978 REPORTS:

Common Loon 9-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 White-faced Ibis 9-17 (15) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 Turkey Vulture 9-17 (1) Franktown (MS)
 Northern Goshawk 9-23 (1) Golden Gate State Park (RS)
 Broad-winged Hawk 9-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC)
 Osprey 9-3 (1), 9-16 (1), 9-23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH); 9-23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Peregrine Falcon (?) 9-16 (1) Genesee Mountain Park. "Large falcon seen briefly flying high and fast - and finally making magnificent stoop to disappear behind ridge." (JJC)
 Blue Grouse 9-16 (3) Genesee Mountain Park (JJC)
 Virginia Rail 9-3 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 Marbled Godwit 9-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 Willet 9-10 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 Forster's Tern 9-23 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 Black Tern 9-23 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH)
 Black-billed Cuckoo 9-4 (1) Julesburg Reservoir (TM, BW)
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-17 (2) Franktown (MS)
 Rufous Hummingbird 9-2 (1 female) 1390 South Ivy Way, Denver (RA)
 Great Crested Flycatcher 9-4 (2) Tamarack Ranch, Crook (TM, BW)
 Pinyon Jay 9-29 (4) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (BW)
 Brown Creeper 9-23 (1) Golden Gate State Park (RS)
 House Wren 9-23 (1) Golden Gate State Park (RS)
 Brown Thrasher 9-28 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Hermit Thrush 9-19 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 Swainson's Thrush 9-14 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 Western Bluebird 9-28 (1) Franktown (MS)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-23 (1) Golden Gate State Park (RS)
 Warbling Vireo 9-23 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Prothonotary Warbler 9-5 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County (TM, BW)
 Orange-crowned Warbler 9-30 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Virginia's Warbler 9-29 & 9-30 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-30 (1 female) Wheatridge (PE)
 Ovenbird 9-2 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 MacGillivray's Warbler 9-4 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 American Redstart 9-24 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Summer Tanager 9-22 (1 male) Colorado University Campus, Boulder (RA)
 Black-headed Grosbeak 9-21 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Red Crossbill 9-28 (3) Franktown (MS)
 Vesper Sparrow 9-30 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

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DATE: 7
TIME: _____
MILES COVERED: _____
BY CAR _____
ON FOOT _____
OTHER (_____) _____
TOTAL _____

LOCALITY: _____
OBSERVERS: _____
WEATHER: _____

TOTALS: SPECIES _____
INDIVIDUALS _____

WIND: _____
TEMPERATURE: _____

Common Loon
Arctic Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
Pied-billed Grebe
American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Cattle Egret
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Black-crown. Night Heron
Yellow-crwn. Night Heron
American Bittern
White-faced Ibis
Whistling Swan
Canada Goose
Gtr. White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
"White" form
"Blue" form
Mallard
American Black Duck
Gadwall
Common Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.
American Wigeon
Northern Shoveler
Wood Duck
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Canvasback
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead
Oldsquaw
White-winged Scoter
Surf Scoter
Ruddy Duck
Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Turkey Vulture
Mississippi Kite

Northern Goshawk
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
"Western" race
"Harlan's" race
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Osprey
Prairie Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Merlin
American Kestrel
Blue Grouse
White-tail. Ptarmigan
Gtr. Prairie Chicken
Lsr. Prairie Chicken
Sharp-tailed Grouse
Sage Grouse
Common Bobwhite
Scaled Quail
Gambel's Quail
Ring-necked Pheasant
Chukar
Wild Turkey
Sandhill Crane
Virginia Rail
Sora
American Coot
Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Piping Plover
Snowy Plover
Mountain Plover
Lesser Golden Plover
Black-bellied Plover
Marbled Godwit
Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew
Upland Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper

Ruddy Turnstone
Wilson's Phalarope
Northern Phalarope
Common Snipe
Long-billed Dowitcher
Red Knot
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Stilt Sandpiper
Glaucous Gull
Herring Gull
Thayer's Gull
California Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Franklin's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Sabine's Gull
Forster's Tern
Common Tern
Black Tern
Band-tailed Pigeon
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Black-billed Cuckoo
Greater Roadrunner
Barn Owl
Common Screech Owl
Flammulated Screech Owl
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Northern Pygmy Owl
Burrowing Owl
Long-eared Owl
Short-eared Owl
Saw-whet Owl
Poor-will
Common Nighthawk
Black Swift
Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift
Black-chin. Hummingbird
Broad-tail. Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher

Common Flicker
 "Yellow-shafted" race
 "Red-shafted" race
 Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Red-headed Woodpecker
 Lewis' Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Williamson's Sapsucker
 Hairy Woodpecker
 "Rocky Mountain" race
 eastern races
 Downy Woodpecker
 "Batchelder's" race
 eastern races
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker
 No. Three-toed Woodpecker
 Eastern Kingbird
 Western Kingbird
 Cassin's Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 Ash-throated Flycatcher
 Eastern Phoebe
 Say's Phoebe
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 Least Flycatcher
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 Gray Flycatcher
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 Horned Lark
 Violet-green Swallow
 Tree Swallow
 Bank Swallow
 Rough-winged Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Cliff Swallow
 Gray Jay
 Blue Jay
 Steller's Jay
 Scrub Jay
 Black-billed Magpie
 Northern Raven
 White-necked Raven
 American Crow
 Pinyon Jay
 Clark's Nutcracker
 Black-capped Chickadee
 Mountain Chickadee
 Plain Titmouse
 Bushtit
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Red-breasted Nuthatch
 Pygmy Nuthatch
 Brown Creeper
 North American Dipper
 House Wren
 Winter Wren
 Bewick's Wren
 Marsh Wren

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 Yellow Warbler
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 Brewer's Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Harris' Sparrow
 White-crowned Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 Swamp Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 McCown's Longspur
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be submitted in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

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2. Along with the summary submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperatures, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1978

- NOVEMBER 4, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leader: Dave Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet at the Ramada Inn parking lot at 8:00 A.M. in Pueblo. * (Plain Titmouse, Bushtit, Pinyon Jay, Scaled Quail, possible Roadrunner)
- 5, Sunday. Red Rocks Park, Sloan's Lake. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. - $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. (Ducks, hawks, Canyon Wren)
- 11, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. and meet leader at west entrance of Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:30 A.M. * (Ducks, geese, loons, owls)
- 12, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. * (Hawks, eagles, longspurs)
- 18, Saturday. Lakes of northwest Denver. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. * (Several species of gulls, most of the ducks)
- 19, Sunday. Boulder Lakes. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Meet at King Soopers (Crossroads Shopping Center), 28th Street in Boulder at 8:30 A.M. * (possible loons, scoters, goldeneyes, mergansers and hawks)
- 24, Friday. "Day After Turkey Day to Go After Turkey". Evergreen area. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at North Geologic Cut Parking Lot at Morrison turnoff of I-70 at 7:15 A.M. (until early afternoon) * (Turkey and anything else)
- 25, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Joe and Mary Borden (377-1442). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:00 A.M. * (Hawks, juncos, possible Redpolls, Northern Shrike)
- 26, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Richard Franz (795-8738). Meet at Bear Creek Shopping Center (Southwest corner) at 8:00 A.M. - $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Lunch optional.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 28, 1978

PROGRAM: "Gyrfalcon Studies in Greenland" with Alan Jenkins, Denver Wildlife Research Center.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We will be unable to have use of the West Auditorium at the Denver Museum of Natural History for our regular monthly meeting in January 1979 regularly scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month. Thus we will have our meeting on the third Tuesday, January 16, 1979. Mark your calendar now!

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OCTOBER 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- SEPTEMBER 30, Saturday. Golden Gate State Park and White Ranch (GGSP). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Helen Tripp. (Fair; Wind, 10 MPH; 50°-75°). 7 hours, 60 miles. (20 species)
- OCTOBER 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Warren Finch, Dieter Kamm, Richard Kamm, Dorothy Reddall, Helen Singer, June Williamson. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 10 MPH; 60°-79°). 4½ hours, 18 miles. (47 species)
- 7, Saturday. Golden area: Lion's Park and Lower White Ranch (GOLD). Leaders: Marguerite Brockmeyer and Hazel Kellogg. Observers: Christine Bonney, Henry and Vi Bossman, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Edie Trimmer, Phoebe Trimmer, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; gusty winds; 42°-75°). 6½ hours, 30 miles. (18 species)

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- 8, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park and Prospect Reservoir (BARR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Frank Justice. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W, 10-15 MPH; 50°-84°). 7 hours, 122 miles. (58 species)
- 14, Saturday. Daniels Park, Castle Rock, Twin Creek Ranch, Castlewood Canyon State Park (DOUG). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer. (Fair; Wind, 12-15 MPH; 40°-70°). 7 hours, 69 miles. (24 species)
- 15, Sunday. Means Meadows, Evergreen (EVER). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: William Brockner, Sylvia Brockner, Richard Kamm. (Sunny; Wind, calm; 68°-75°). 2½ hours. (12 species)
- 21, Saturday. Jefferson County: Bear Valley Park, Marston Reservoir plus other lakes of the area, Willow Springs Ranch, Morrison and Red Rocks Park (JEFFCO). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler, Carl Wolf. (Partly overcast; slight breeze; 60°-75°). 7½ hours, 27 miles. (54 species)
- 22, Sunday. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
- 23/24, Monday/Tuesday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Observer: Richard Franz. (52 species)
- 28, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Joe and Marjorie Cleary, John and Joyce Cooper, Warren Finch, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Susan Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Bob Richter, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp, E. J. Warren, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, light; 40°-70°). 7½ hours. (60 species)
- 29, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leaders: Helen Singer and Nancy Jones. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Warren Finch, Dick Franz, Fred Hager, Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, calm, increasing). 3½ hours. (39 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

SEPTEMBER	30										
OCTOBER											
AREA	GGSP	CCKR	GOLD	BARR	DOUG	EVER	JEFFCO	CHAT	CHAT	CCKR	
HABITAT	MTNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	PLNS	FTH	PLAIN	PLNS	PLNS
Common Loon										4	3
Horned Grebe				2			21			1	4
Eared Grebe		70					2			3	120
Western Grebe		31		17			7		1	5	3
Pied-billed Grebe		1		1			4		6	2	2
American White Pelican				60					15	14	
Double-crested Cormorant				18			1		95	40	4
Great Blue Heron		12		2					10		4
American Bittern									1		
White-faced Ibis		1									
Canada Goose				600			500		3	25	
Mallard	16	11		2600			18		50	30	2
Gadwall		1		100				4	80	20	4
Common Pintail		3		500			40		35	8	

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	30 GGSP MTNS	1 CCKR PLNS	7 GOLD FOOT	8 BARR PLNS	14 DOUG FOOT	15 EVER MTNS	21 JEFFCO PLNS FTH	23/24 CHAT PLAIN	28 CHAT PLNS	29 CCKR PLNS
Green-winged Teal		2		300				30	200	2
Blue-winged Teal								15	100	
Cinnamon Teal							1			
American Wigeon		6		500			20	200	750	2000
EURASIAN WIGEON									1	
Northern Shoveler				1000			2	7	3	
Redhead		1 fe		14			17	20	30	
Ring-necked Duck		pair						5	10	
Canvasback							1		3	
Lesser Scaup							3		4	
Bufflehead				1 ma			2	10	18	2
Ruddy Duck		15		45			3	1	3	
Common Merganser									1	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2								
Red-tailed Hawk	2	1	1	1		1	1	2	1	
Swainson's Hawk								1		
Rough-legged Hawk										1
Golden Eagle	1					1 im				
Northern Harrier	1	1	1	1				2	3	1
Prairie Falcon					1	1			1	
American Kestrel		2			2		3	3		1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1 fe								2
American Coot		65		550			1000	3000	1500	30
American Avocet				5				3	1	
Killdeer		30		3			18	2	11	8
Black-bellied Plover				4						5
Greater Yellowlegs				7			2			
Lesser Yellowlegs				15				5		
Northern Phalarope				1						
Common Snipe							1		3	
Long-billed Dowitcher				100				105	32	
Sanderling				1						
Least Sandpiper		7		20						
Baird's Sandpiper				200						
Pectoral Sandpiper		2		3						
Stilt Sandpiper				70						
Herring Gull								1		
California Gull		50		45			1			
Ring-billed Gull		65		70			32	15	110	100
Franklin's Gull		550		1300			42		40	
Bonaparte's Gull										1
Rock Dove		2	5	1	3		4	12	10	9
Mourning Dove		12		1	6			8	1	1
Great Horned Owl									1	1
Short-eared Owl										1
Belted Kingfisher		3					4	1	1	
Common Flicker									6	
"Red-shafted" race	2	7	6	8	1		7	4	20	4
Hairy Woodpecker	1					1		1		

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	30 GGSP MTNS	1 CCKR PLNS	7 GOLD FOOT	8 BARR PLNS	14 DOUG FOOT	15 EVER MTNS	21 JEFFCO PLNS FTH	23/24 CHAT PLAIN	28 CHAT PLNS	29 CCKR PLNS
Downy Woodpecker				1			2	1		2
"Batchelder's" race				1						
eastern races				1						
Horned Lark		25		30	31				15	9
Barn Swallow		40								
Blue Jay		4							1	
Steller's Jay	8		1		5	6	5			
Scrub Jay		2			7		4			
Black-billed Magpie	15	15	11	28	18	3	8	3	26	18
Northern Raven	1					1			5	2
American Crow			3	1	36	2	2	2	3	10
Clark's Nutcracker	1									
Black-capped Chickadee	7		6	7	6		3		7	1
Mountain Chickadee	2				8	2		1		2
White-breasted Nuthatch				1	2					
Pygmy Nuthatch	2				5	20				
Brown Creeper		1								
North American Dipper								2		
Marsh Wren								2		
Canyon Wren								1		
American Robin	2	25	7	1	3	4	2	3	22	2
Mountain Bluebird	6				39	9				10
Townsend's Solitaire	2		2					7		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1						
Water Pipit		2		6					7	12
Northern Shrike									1	
European Starling	12	60	9	170	3		3	4	15	6
Orange-crowned Warbler			1							25
Yellow-rumped Warbler			6						5	
"Audubon's" race		1		13						
House Sparrow		10		55	3		1			
Western Meadowlark	1	7	2	18	4		2		12	22
Red-winged Blackbird		6		200			23		150	12
Brewer's Blackbird				1					28	25
Common Grackle		1						4		
House Finch		30		2	5		40	2	5	5
Pine Siskin									12	15
American Goldfinch				1			25		3	2
Lesser Goldfinch					4					1
Green-tailed Towhee			1							
Rufous-sided Towhee			3							
Savannah Sparrow		2								
Northern Junco									2	
"Slate-colored" race							2		15	
"Oregon" race				1			12	8	5	4
Gray-headed Junco	3				8		1			
American Tree Sparrow							2		5	3
Chipping Sparrow		7	2	20			2			14
Brewer's Sparrow									2	
White-crowned Sparrow	1		25	4	1		2	6	17	20
Song Sparrow		4		4	1		12	3	50	14
TOTAL SPECIES-108	20	47	18	58	24	12	54	52	60	39

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ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1978 REPORTS:

Common Loon 10-19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS)
EURASIAN WIGEON 10-31 (1 male in eclipse plumage) Chatfield Reservoir (MS)
Wood Duck 10-21 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ)
Ferruginous Hawk 10-19 (2) Greenland (MS)
Osprey 10-1 (1) Chatfield State Park (JJC)
Long-billed Dowitcher 10-31 (25) Chatfield State Park (MS)
Forster's Tern 10-19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS)
Mourning Dove 10-29 (3) Chatfield State Park (PE)
Burrowing Owl 10-5 (1) Ken-Caryl Ranch; 10-7 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir; 10-8 (2)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal (JJC)
Northern Mockingbird 10-17 (1) Wheatridge (LR)
Hermit Thrush 10-9 (1, banded) Franktown (MS); 10-30 and 10-31 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
PHILADELPHIA VIREO 10-6 (1) Wheatridge (MJS)
American Redstart 10-21 (4) Chatfield State Park (FJ)
Northern Junco ("White-winged" race) 10-24 (1) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (JJC)

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THE PROBLEM WITH ESCAPES

Considerable interest has been generated of late among those people who have observed the Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*) at Chatfield State Park along with the two female (?) Ruddy Sheld-Ducks (*Casarca ferruginea*) at Cherry Creek Reservoir. The treatment of how to handle species of questionable origin normally poses perplexing problems for the editors of local birding journals and bird club newsletters as well as those individuals who are in the business of compiling and maintaining lists of birds for whatever purposes. Many species, both native and foreign, have become very popular cage birds because of their delightful songs, their exotic plumages, their ability in some cases to "talk" or mimic or simply because they make ideal pets in many instances. Birds are maintained in captivity in various ways - as pets in private homes, in zoos, private aviaries, village or city parks, to pursue the practice of falconry, in game farms just to name a few. These captive birds often escape their confinements either because they are deliberately set free or they accidentally get loose. It is most times very difficult, if not impossible, to precisely ascertain the origin of a highly questionable species (such as the two Ruddy Sheld-Ducks and Red-crested Pochard currently present in the Denver area) which may occasionally appear far outside of its normally expected range.

A good case in point occurred in 1971 in Colorado Springs where two Red-eared Waxbills (*Estrilda astrild*) suddenly appeared at a backyard feeder. The individual reporting the presence of these Waxbills (he obtained outstanding colored photographs) felt inclined to consider them as "wild" birds since they were in excellent plumage, were acting as wild birds and were observed as having brood patches. A subsequent check of local pet stores in Colorado Springs could turn up no evidence of any Red-eared Waxbills as having escaped. Obviously it would have been a nigh impossible task to have checked out all of the pet shops along the front range of the Rockies from whence these birds might have escaped. It is highly probable that they could have been brought in as caged house pets by military personnel from nearby Fort Carson. In any event it would appear entirely impossible for these small finch-like birds (4½") to have found their way to Colorado Springs on their own all the way from their native East and Central Africa. Red-eared Waxbills have been favorite cage birds in Great Britain for many years. They frequently escape from captivity but have failed to establish themselves.

. MORE ABOUT ESCAPES NEXT MONTH.

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DECEMBER 3, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 8:30 A.M. in the south parking lot of the mausoleum at the cemetery. $\frac{1}{2}$ day or longer. Lunch optional. (Ducks, Common Snipe, Juncos, Sparrows, possible Golden-crowned Kinglets, Waxwings)

*BRING LUNCH

ONLY TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER DUE TO ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COUNT.

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMEN

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1978

COUNT LEADERS: Mary Jane Schock, Margaret Elliott, Jo Trainor

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Cinderella City (NOT Bear Valley as in former years).

COUNT COMPILERS: David Hutchinson, Hugh Kingery

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to help count in his or her area OR call the Count Leader if you would like to help count in an area which needs more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the count to indicate how many you have in your group.

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Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Pre-count scouting trips which have been scheduled follow the arrangements for the main count.

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LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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	Carl Wolf 986-3146
5. Highline Ditch.....	Tim Davis 841-2315
6. Plum Creek.....	Jan and Frank Justice 936-4547
7. Middle South Platte.....	Dave Hutchinson 936-3466 (work)
	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield Reservoir.....	Paul Julian 499-9109
9. Upper South Platte.....	Jerome Besser 985-4816
10. Lower Deer Creek Canyon.....	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek.....	Larry Malone 973-1149
12. Yegge Peak.....	Nancy Hurley 757-0837
13. Doublehead Mountain.....	Jean Tate 423-9165
14. North Turkey Creek.....	Warren Finch 233-3372
15. Indian Hills.....	Edna Claire Thomas 674-5345
16. Upper Bear Creek.....	Mel Gable 674-6270
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch.....	Ward Chadwick 344-5591
18. Garrison Gate.....	Judd Sundine 423-6866
19. Morrison-Willowbrook Estates.....	Mildred Snyder 366-7610
20. Willow Creek.....	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
21. Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs.....	Bob Buttery 986-0698

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PRE-COUNT SCOUTING TRIPS: (call Area Leaders for arrangements)

DECEMBER 9, Saturday

AREA NUMBER 2
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DECEMBER 10, Sunday

AREA NUMBER 1
7b

OTHERS

AREA NUMBER 3, Tues. 12/12
5, Wed. 12/13
16, Fri. 12/15
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Jack Reddall, Editor

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NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 16, 1978

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SPECIAL NOTICE

We will be unable to have use of the West Auditorium at the Denver Museum of Natural History for our regular monthly meeting in January 1979 normally scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month. Thus we will have our meeting on the third Tuesday, January 16, 1979. Mark your calendar now!

PROGRAM: "Slides on Birds and Other Wildlife" with Dave Markeley.

EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Evergreen Christmas Count will be held on Saturday, December 30, 1978. Call Chris Blakeslee (674-4142) for details.

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NOVEMBER 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- NOVEMBER 4, Saturday. Pueblo area: Pueblo Reservoir, Red Creek Road, Wetmore to Westcliffe, Lake Deweese and return to Beulah (PUEB). Leader: Dave Griffiths. Observers: Kim Ashley, Lori Chappell, Julie Colzami, John and Joyce Cooper, Carolyn Griffiths, Frank and Jan Justice, Hazel Kellogg, Chris Knight, Eric Knight, Jenni Knight, Rose Marie Knight, Marybeth Lutz, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Tanya Sammons, Missy Shelton, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; Wind, light). 8 hours, 168 miles. (54 species)
- 5, Sunday. Sloan's Lake and Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Carol and Jeff Dawson, Patty Hock, Dick Jones,

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Tina Jones, Joe Roller. (Partly cloudy; mild). 4 hours, 45 miles.
(33 species)

- 11, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Floyd Pendell.
Observers: Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, light snow; Wind,
calm; 21^o-28^o). 4 hours, 10 miles. (24 species)
- 12, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. NO REPORT
RECEIVED.
- 18, Saturday. Crown Hill Lake, Church Lake, South Standley Lake, ponds on
Lowell, Tennyson and Sheridan (NDEN). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers:
Vi and Henry Bossman, Warren Finch, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane
Schock, Robert Spencer. (Fair; Wind, mostly calm; 40^o-60^o). 8 hours,
30 miles. (36 species)
- 19, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 24, Friday. Evergreen (EVER). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Warren
Finch, Thompson Marsh, Marge Roberts. (Overcast; Wind, calm; cool).
7 hours, 69 miles. (11 species)
- 25, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leaders: Joe and Marion Borden.
Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Thompson Marsh. (Cloudy; 32^o). 7 hours,
55 miles. (37 species)
- 26, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Richard Franz. Observers:
Jan and Frank Justice, Warren Finch. (Cloudy, snow; Wind, N, 10 MPH; 29^o).
5 hours, 10 miles. (49 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding
Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada,
First Edition, 1975.

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	4 PUEB PLMT	5 CHAT PLNS	11 CCRA PLNS	18 NDEN PLNS	24 EVER MTNS	25 BARR PLNS	26 CHAT PLNS
Common Loon		1					2
Horned Grebe				1			
Western Grebe		8	2	63		1	1
Pied-billed Grebe	2	5		6			3
American White Pelican		18					
Double-crested Cormorant		8					2
Great Blue Heron	4	2					13
Whistling Swan							4
Canada Goose		110	46	532		5000	400
Snow Goose						1	
"White" form			300				
"Blue" form			1				
Mallard	26	75	560	141		1300	50
Gadwall	14	25	20	22		11	35
Common Pintail	6	15	42	5		2500	1
Green-winged Teal	7	28	1	17			200
Blue-winged Teal							1
American Wigeon	4	380	36	903		6	500
<u>EURASIAN WIGEON</u>		1					
Northern Shoveler		95		34		7	15
Redhead		20	4	42		7	

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	4 PUEB PLMT	5 CHAT PLNS	11 CCRA PLNS	18 NDEN PLNS	24 EVER MTNS	25 BARR PLNS	26 CHAT PLNS
Ring-necked Duck				80			
Canvasback				2			1
Lesser Scaup		2	1 fe	1			1
Common Goldeneye				18		30	8
Bufflehead		7		23		1	4
Ruddy Duck				8			5
Common Merganser				4		500	175
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1					1	
Cooper's Hawk	1						
Red-tailed Hawk	11	1				1	
"Harlan's" race							3
Rough-legged Hawk			1			4	1
Ferruginous Hawk	2						
Golden Eagle							2
Northern Harrier	2	3	1			1	5
Prairie Falcon							1
American Kestrel	14	3		1		4	
Ring-necked Pheasant						1	
Sandhill Crane		1					
American Coot		525	65	336			300
Killdeer	2	12	1			12	15
Long-billed Dowitcher		25					
Herring Gull						6	1
Ring-billed Gull	9	80	2	1013		12	35
Bonaparte's Gull							1
Rock Dove	41		2	11			8
Mourning Dove	2						
Great Horned Owl							3
Belted Kingfisher				2			1
Common Flicker	3						
"Red-shafted" race			8	3	1	5	8
Hairy Woodpecker	1				1		
Downy Woodpecker						1	
Horned Lark	24		75			45	15
Steller's Jay	3				22		
Scrub Jay	3						
Black-billed Magpie	56	8	10	20	16	12	50
Northern Raven	6	1			3		
American Crow	63				4		21
Pinyon Jay	2						
Black-capped Chickadee	1					20	10
Mountain Chickadee	2				9		
White-breasted Nuthatch	4						
Pygmy Nuthatch	3				49		
North American Dipper	1						
Canyon Wren	1						
American Robin	26		4	1	33		2
Western Bluebird	1						
Mountain Bluebird	3						
Townsend's Solitaire	10						
Northern Shrike						1	3
Loggerhead Shrike	1						

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European Starling	178	35		79		230	
House Sparrow	97					25	
Western Meadowlark	21	8	2	12		6	1
Red-winged Blackbird	164					1000	6
Brewer's Blackbird	15						1
Evening Grosbeak	3						
House Finch	10		9	15		4	22
Pine Siskin	12			3		5	
American Goldfinch	2			5		3	
Rufous-sided Towhee							1
Brown Towhee	13						
Vesper Sparrow	1						
Northern Junco							8
"White-winged" race					1		
"Slate-colored" race	4			2	1	32	
"Oregon" race	5	1		15	17	1	
Gray-headed Junco	6				14		
American Tree Sparrow	5	6	1	23		30	95
White-crowned Sparrow	215	1		4			5
Song Sparrow	27	12	1	8		1	22
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Western Grebe 11-30 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
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 Snow Goose 11-11 (84 "White" form, 12 "Blue" form) Maple Grove Reservoir, Jefferson County (JJC, LO); 11-27 (1 "White" form) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)
 White-winged Scoter 11-12 (1 immature or female) Lake Beckwith, Colorado City (DS)
 Hooded Merganser 11-15 through 11-30 (5) Lake Minnequa, Pueblo (DG)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 11-23 (1 immature) 1936 South Lincoln Street, Denver (RG)
 Bald Eagle 11-19 (1 adult) Stapleton Drive, Genesee Mountain (DM)
 Merlin 11-27 (1) Ken Caryl Ranch (JJC)
 Greater Yellowlegs 11-16 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 Long-billed Dowitcher 11-16 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (PE)
 Pectoral Sandpiper 11-11 (2) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson County (PE)
 California Gull 11-24 (8) and 11-30 (6) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
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 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 11-9 (1) Morrison (PE)
 Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 11-18 and 11-19 (1 male) Genesee Mountain (DM)
 Brown Thrasher 11-9 (1) roadside park along I-25, twenty-two miles south of Pueblo (DMu, DoMu)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-19 (4) Stapleton Drive, Genesee Mountain (DM)
 Water Pipit 11-11 (3) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson County (PE)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler 11-11 (3) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson County (PE)
 Common Grackle 11-28 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
 Green-tailed Towhee 11-19 through 11-30 (1) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC)
 Field Sparrow 11-15 (1) Honor Farm, Pueblo (DS)
 White-throated Sparrow 11-13 (2 immatures) Chatfield State Park (JJC); 11-14 (1 immature) Wheatridge Greenbelt (JJC); 11-22 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS); 11-28 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS); 11-30 (1 adult) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC)

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To continue the discussion of the problem with escapes, there is another good case in point which occurred in Colorado in October 1975 with the sudden appearance of two Barnacle Geese (*Branta leucopsis*) along the Roaring Fork River near Basalt. Again, as was the case with the Waxbills of Colorado Springs, excellent colored photographs were obtained and the birds appeared in "perfect" plumage. The natural occurrence of this species in Colorado, while extremely unlikely, is not as far-fetched as the Red-eared Waxbills. Barnacle Geese have occurred from time-to-time in North America primarily along the northeast coast of the United States and the maritime provinces of Canada. They are a fairly common captive bird however, and the true origin of the Atlantic Coast birds have always caused considerable controversy whenever they have been reported. Insofar as the Roaring Fork birds were concerned, no evidence could be uncovered to prove that they weren't truly wild birds, although a concerted effort was made to ascertain from whence they came. The geese were described as very tame and there was no evidence of banding. The mystery remained unresolved for about two years until through the efforts of the now defunct CFO Official Records Committee it was determined that the two birds in question had been actually purchased in a midwestern city and transported to Colorado for private purposes and subsequently released.

Another species that regularly shows up in strange places is the American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) which is widespread as a popular captive bird. At least one and possibly two American Flamingos were present for several years in the brackish marsh waters in and around Moss Landing, California. I observed one of these birds on January 31, 1971, and found it to be in rich plumage and acting for all the world as a wild bird. However, these birds as well as all other American Flamingo records occurring within California have been excluded from the "Annotated List of the Birds of California" because on insufficient evidence regarding their wild status (The Birds of California, Arnold Small, 1974, page 138). On May 19, 1978, my wife and I studied a beautifully plumaged American Flamingo feeding nonchalantly in a tidal pool near Imperial Beach south of San Diego, California, a locale where one might conceivably encounter a wild American Flamingo. I subsequently learned that these birds occasionally show up in the San Diego area having escaped from the race track at nearby Tijuana, Mexico. Currently there is an American Flamingo frequenting the sloughs and bogs between Bellport and Brookhaven, Long Island, New York which evidently got loose from a nearby game farm! And last but not least, an American Flamingo has been seen in the wild in Colorado. Several years ago, Dave Griffiths of Pueblo saw a Flamingo feeding near or at Nee Noshe Reservoir south of Eads in Kiowa County. Its origin remains a mystery.

..... TO BE CONCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1979

- JANUARY 6, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at southwest corner of the Bear Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. * (Raptors: Red-tailed, Harlan's, Rough-legged Hawks, Prairie Falcon, etc.)
- 7, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) at 8:00 A.M. * (Wintering hawks, Horned Owl, plus normal wintering passerines)
- 13, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt and feeders. Leader: Paul Rechel (424-1403). Meet at Rechel home - 4200 Iris Court (44th Avenue to Iris Street, south to 42nd Avenue, right one block to Iris Court, corner house) at 8:00 A.M. * (Blue Jay, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Cedar Waxwing, possibly Bohemian Waxwings)
- 14, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: John Hannum (758-9192). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. and meet leader at west gate at 8:30 A.M. * (Wintering ducks and passerines)

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- 20, Saturday. Raptor count in northeastern Colorado. We will attempt to make a count of wintering raptors between Denver and Prewitt Reservoir near Sterling weather permitting. This will be a long trip mostly by automobile concentrating primarily on Hawks and Eagles. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Voyager Inn Motel at I-70 and Chambers Road at 7:00 A.M. * Please contact leader if you are planning to participate as trip will depend upon weather and local road conditions. (All three Accipters are expected, Red-tailed, Rough-legged, Ferruginous Hawks should be numerous, Golden Eagle, many Bald Eagles, Prairie Falcon, Merlin and Sparrow Hawk plus Northern Harrier. . . and any owls we can find)
- 21, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison. Leader: Ginny Faxon (377-0235). Meet at 26th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day with lunch optional. (Scrub Jay, North American Dipper, Canyon Wren, Juncos, Sparrows)
- 27, Saturday. Southwest Denver Urban Meanderings. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner) at 8:00 A.M. * (Wintering gulls, ducks and passerines)
- 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at the boathouse on the west side of the reservoir at 8:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day with lunch optional. (Wintering ducks and gulls plus raptors and wintering passerines including Northern Shrike)

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